

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER TAIL)	ORDER ASSESSING
POWER COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL)	FILING FEE; ORDER
OF RATE SCHEDULE, SECTION 13.09, PHASE-IN)	AUTHORIZING
RIDER)	EXECUTIVE
)	DIRECTOR TO
)	ENTER INTO
)	CONSULTING
)	CONTRACTS
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)	EL24-038

On December 20, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its annual update to its Phase-in Rate Plan Rider. Otter Tail makes this filing pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78. In this filing, Otter Tail proposes to adjust the Phase-in Rate Plan Rider Rate to reflect the applicable rider revenue requirements for the next recovery period (September 2025 – August 2026). In addition to the previously approved projects and adjustments, Otter Tail requests approval to include two new solar facilities, Solway Solar and Abercrombie Solar. Otter Tail continues to propose a per meter rate structure for the Advanced Grid Infrastructure projects and a percent of bill rate structure for all other projects and adjustments in this rider. Otter Tail states a typical residential electric customer using an average of 1,000 kWh per month will see a bill decrease of \$0.68 per month. A large general service customer using 486 kW and 222,350 kWh per month will see a bill decrease of \$81.40 per month. Otter Tail proposes an effective date of September 1, 2025.

On December 26, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 10, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

SDCL 49-34A-77 requires an electric utility filing an application for a phase-in rate plan to pay a filing fee to be determined by the Commission in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date and to give the executive director authority to enter into consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: [Signature]

Date: 22 January 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature]
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner