

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

IN THE MATTER OF OTTER TAIL POWER)
COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF)
RATE SCHEDULE, SECTION 13.09, PHASE-IN)
RIDER)
)

ORDER APPROVING PHASE-IN RIDER FACTORS

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 persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 5, 2025, Commission staff filed a memorandum. The tariff sheets effective for service rendered on September 1, 2025, and through August 31, 2026, are as follows:

South Dakota P.U.C. Volume II - Electric Rate Schedule

Section 13.09

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2

Third Revised Sheet No. 3

Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 2

Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission approve the Per Meter revenue requirement of \$502,674 for the September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, plan year and revised per meter rate charges effective September 1, 2025. Staff deferred to the Commission on a decision regarding recovery of the Abercrombie Solar and Solway Solar projects, with the Percent of Bill revenue requirement and factor dependent upon that decision. Finding the request to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Otter Tail's request for revised phase-in rider rates as filed including the new solar facilities, Solway Solar and Abercrombie Solar. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revenue requirement as provided in Otter Tail's Filing and resulting phase-in rider factor of 9.863 percent of base rates is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the revised phase-in rider per meter charges outlined in the above-referenced tariff sheets are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are hereby approved effective September 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of May 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: Julie L. Fuert

Date: 05/14/2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chi Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner