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RE: EL24-038 Agenda Item for the July 15, 2025, Commission Meeting

Ms. Mohr,

Commission staff (Staff) submits this letter as guidance for the EL24-038 agenda item for the July 15, 2025, Commission meeting. Because there are a few moving parts to Staff's recommendation, Staff felt it would be best to put our recommendation on paper ahead of the meeting for ease of understanding.

The question to be decided at the upcoming meeting is whether the Commission shall approve Otter Tail Power Company's revised tariff sheets as filed on July 3, 2025. The tariff sheets filed on July 3, 2025 are:

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

Section 13.09

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2

Third Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3

The tariff sheets approved in this docket in the Commission's May 14, 2025, Order Approving Phase-In Rider Factors are:

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Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 2

Third Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3

The Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1 (above) will be approved¹ in EL25-017 and does not need to be approved again in the docket at hand, EL24-038. However, in its May 14, 2025, Order Approving Phase-In Rider Factors in this docket, the Commission approved a different version of the Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1. This previously approved version of the tariff sheet is moot as all necessary changes are in the version to be approved in EL25-017. EL25-017 will also result in a different version of Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 2, to be effective August 1, 2025. Third Revised Sheet No. 3

¹ Depending, of course, upon the Commission's decision on the request at hand in EL25-017.

Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3 remains unchanged from the version approved in the Commission's May 14, 2025, Order.

Therefore, the only tariff sheet Otter Tail filed on July 3, 2025, that needs to be approved in this docket is Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2. However, to avoid any confusion regarding the tariff sheets listed in the May 14, 2025, Order, Staff recommends the Commission amend its May 14, 2025, Order by 1) removing Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1 and 2) including Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2. With Staff's recommended changes, the amended order would read:

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

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Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2

Third Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 3

These two tariff sheets will be effective September 1, 2025. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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