Otter Tail Power Company Current Income Tax For the Year Ending December 31, 2024

| Line No. | Description |
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| 1 | Current income tax used in the cost of service is calculated on a stand-alone |
| 2 | basis. Effective tax rates are applied to regulatory operating income calculated |
| 3 | within the Jurisdictional Cost of Service Study (JCOSS), which includes |
| 4 | adjustments to items of income or expense based on prior Commission |
| 5 | Orders or settlement stipulations, if applicable. Depending on the |
| 6 | circumstances that apply in a given year, taxes calculated for regulatory |
| 7 | purposes in the JCOSS may be higher or lower than the actual taxes |
| 8 | calculated on a consolidated basis in the tax return for any number of |
| 9 | varying reasons. For example, items of income and expense considered |
| 10 | below-the-line for regulatory purposes contribute to the overall tax calculation |
| 11 | on the consolidated tax return. Ratepayers are not exposed to the risks |
| 12 | associated with below-the-line revenue and expense activity and thus |
| 13 | shouldn't be exposed to the taxes associated with that same activity. In |
| 14 | addition, timing differences that arise, such as book versus tax depreciation |
| 15 | expense, off-set increases or decreases in current tax expense by a |
| 16 | corresponding decrease or increase in deferred tax expense. Deferred taxes |
| 17 | are calculated for book/regulatory purposes only and are not part of the |
| 18 | consolidated tax return. Deferred tax calculations are included in order to |
| 19 | recognize the fact that at some future point in time book/regulatory will incur the same |
| 20 | same tax expense/liability as calculated in the tax return. |
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