

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER TAIL  
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER RATE**

**) ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE**

**) EL25-040**

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On November 3, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCR) rate. Otter Tail's petition updates its TCR rates to collect revenue requirements over the 12-month recovery period of March 2026 through February 2027. This update includes actual investment costs, expenses, and revenues associated with existing projects and approved recovery items that were moved into base rates as of December 1, 2025, updated forecast information for the remainder of the current recovery period which ends February 29, 2026, and forecasted information for the proposed recovery period ending February 28, 2027. No new projects are included in this annual update. Otter Tail updates the D2 allocation factor to include all load changes in compliance with the docket EL21-031 order. Otter Tail states that residential customers using 1,000 kWh per month will see a bill decrease of approximately \$3.84. Otter Tail proposes a rate implementation date of March 1, 2026.

On November 6, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 21, 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 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$50,000.00 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December 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: *Kristie Fiegen*

Date: 4 Dec 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner