

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

IN THE MATTER OF OTTER TAIL POWER)	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL
COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN)	OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE
ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR POET)	AGREEMENT WITH
BIOREFINING – BIG STONE, LLC AND)	DEVIATIONS; ORDER
ASSOCIATED TARIFF REVISIONS)	APPROVING TARIFF
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On April 22, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of an Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with deviations with POET Biorefining – Big Stone, LLC (POET). Currently, POET takes its electric service from Otter Tail via the Large General Service Tariff section 10.04 and will continue to do so under the new ESA. Recently, POET has partnered with Big Stone Energy Storage Project, LLC (BSESP) to provide steam for POET to use in its industrial processes. With this new steam service, POET is working to qualify for federal tax credits under Internal Revenue Code § 45Z that will help POET to remain competitive in the biorefining industry and lower its Carbon Intensity score, which is used for pricing in Low Carbon Fuel Standard markets. All terms, conditions, and deviations of the proposed ESA have been filed as confidential.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

Section. 16.00

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Tenth Revised Sheet No. 1

On April 24, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 9, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 29, 2025, Otter Tail responded to staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.3, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that Otter Tail's request for approval of an electric service agreement with deviations with POET and the associated tariff revisions are just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested electric service agreement with deviations and the associated tariff revisions with an effective date of August 1, 2025. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested electric service agreement with deviations with POET Biorefining - Big Stone, LLC is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariff sheet is hereby granted,

and the revisions are approved, effective August 1, 2025.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of July 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: *Scott Edwards*

Date: *17 July 2025*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner