

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

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Energy Adjustment
Rider Modification

Docket No. EL26-015

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail Power or Company) requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to approve confidential treatment for the below-identified information pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) § 20:10:01:41.

1. Otter Tail Power requests confidential protection and treatment of the confidential portions of Attachment 1 to the Company's response to SD-PUC-01.01. The information is marked "CONFIDENTIAL – CONTAINS TRADE SECRET DATA."
2. The document must be protected for the life of this Docket. When the Docket is closed, all protected information must be returned to Otter Tail Power.
3. Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:
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4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD § 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL § 37-29-1 (4). The information contained within the confidential portions of this report meets the definition of "trade secret" under the SDCL § 37-29-1(4), the South Dakota Uniform Trade Secret Act, which defines the term as information that "[d]erives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to

maintain its secrecy.”

5. The confidential portions of the listed attachments contain proprietary business information (calculations supporting the projected increase or decrease to rate charges based on OTP’s fuel forecast for the period August 2026 through December 2027) which Otter Tail Power does not disclose to the public. Accordingly, Otter Tail Power respectfully requests that the Commission authorize confidential protection and treatment of this information.

The information for which confidential treatment is requested has been marked “CONFIDENTIAL – CONTAINS TRADE SECRET DATA” and is being transmitted electronically as a separate document.

Date: August 3, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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