

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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Response to: SD Public Utilities Commission

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Data Request:

Is there a change in the operation of Coyote generating station since the AME designation? Or does this change in design only affect just how costs are assigned to OTP jurisdictions during non-emergency times?

Attachments: 0

Response:

Yes. In the 2021 Minnesota Integrated Resource Plan Order (the Order) the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission directed OTP to significantly reduce the use of Coyote Station for serving Minnesota customers. Under the Order, the portion of Coyote Station allocated to Minnesota load (approximately 70MW) may continue operating for reliability purposes only under MISO Available Maximum Emergency (AME) status beginning as early as June 1, 2026. AME is a restricted operational designation that allows a generating resource to be used only during emergency or extreme reliability conditions, rather than for routine economic dispatch. While operating under AME status, Coyote Station will not serve Minnesota load on a day-to-day basis, but it will remain available as a backstop resource during periods of system stress, such as extreme cold weather events, fuel supply disruptions, or broader regional reliability emergencies.