

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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Response to: SD Public Utilities Commission

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Data Request:

Refer to page 11, part 4, explain how costs related to the resource plan and any studies would be recovered. Confirm current rate payers would not be liable for any costs related to the planning phase for an HPC customer.

Attachments: 0

Response:

OTP requires prospective HPC customers to prepay for evaluation and studies, as provided for in Section 5.03 of the General Rules and Regulations. OTP separately tracks all costs associated with development of the resource plan and related studies and bills those costs directly to the HPC customer. HPC customer payments are credited to the applicable FERC accounts in which the costs are recorded. This approach ensures that the costs of evaluating and planning service for the customer are borne by the customer causing the costs and are not recovered from, or otherwise allocated to, existing OTP customers.