

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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Information Request:

Has the Company experienced requests for the new offered programs or offer these measures in other jurisdictions? What are the primary drivers in offering the new measures?

Attachments:

Response:

All of the new measures proposed for the South Dakota 2027-2029 EEP portfolio are either already measures offered in Minnesota or are currently requested to be included in its 2027-2029 ECO portfolio. The new measures were proposed based upon several factors including success in the Company's Minnesota ECO portfolio. Another primary driver for offering new measures is the ongoing evolution of Technical Reference Manuals (TRMs). TRMs are continuously updated to incorporate new measures, refine savings calculations, and reflect the results of annual evaluation, measurement, and verification studies. These updates improve the accuracy of savings estimates and help identify emerging opportunities for cost-effective energy savings.

All new measures included in the 2027-2029 Triennial plan were proposed to incorporate new and emerging technologies with the potential to provide additional energy and demand savings, expand the energy efficiency options available to South Dakota customers, reduce the need for custom grant processing, and improve administrative efficiency. Incorporating these technologies into the portfolio helps ensure South Dakota customers have access to current energy-efficient options as they become commercially available. Offering new measures allows the Company to respond to changing customer needs, capture these emerging savings opportunities, and maintain a diverse portfolio of cost-effective energy efficiency offerings.