

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

Docket No: GE20-002

Response to: SD Public Utilities Commission

Analyst: SD PUC Staff

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Date Due: May 22, 2020

Date of Response: May 22, 2020

Responding Witness: Peter J. Beithon, Manager, Regulatory Recovery - (218) 739-8607

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Data Request:

- 1-9. Has the Company made any charitable contributions during this time related to the COVID-19 crisis? If so:
  - a. How much money was given and to whom was it given?
  - b. Has the company considered having this shareholder expense cover bad debt expense instead of to the charities it was given? Explain why or why not

Attachments: 0

Response:

- a. As of response to this inquiry, Otter Tail Power Company has not made any charitable contributions related to the COVID-19 crisis. The Otter Tail Power Company Foundation has made one \$5,000 donation to a COVID-19 relief effort.
- b. The Otter Tail Power Company Foundation provides financial support to a broad array of activities and organizations including (but not limited to) creating vital communities and improving health and human services. The Foundation elected on May 11 to prioritize remaining 2020 giving to support organizations providing relief to those affected by COVID-19. The Foundation has not considered charitable contributions as an option to cover bad debt expense. The Foundation's best use of its limited charitable resources is to focus on giving that promotes the Foundation's mission, which looks to benefit communities as a whole.