

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	CONTRACTS WITH
UPDATED SUMMARY LIST OF CONTRACTS)	DEVIATIONS AND
WITH DEVIATIONS)	SUMMARY LIST
	EL00-001

On January 10, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The updated Summary List of Contracts with Deviations lists Otter Tail's municipal service agreements that contain deviations from Otter Tail's Outdoor Lighting Tariff, Rate Designation M-42S. Otter Tail filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

- Section No. 4, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 3rd Rev. Sheet No. 1
- Section No. 4, Third Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 2nd Rev. Sheet No. 2
- Section No. 4, Original Sheet No. 3
- Section No. 4, Original Sheet No. 4

On May 30, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval. However, at the meeting, the Commission determined that Otter Tail needed to file its Contracts with Deviations for approval, not just the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The Commission required Otter Tail to file copies of all of the Contracts with Deviations. Commission action was deferred.

On July 27, 2000, Otter Tail filed the Contracts with Deviations. Otter Tail stated that the Contracts should have been filed long ago but had been inadvertently overlooked.

On August 22, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contracts with Deviations and Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that Otter Tail's request for approval of Contracts with Deviations and the Summary List is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of Contracts with Deviations and Summary List of Contracts with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of August, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By:

William Kalbs

Date:

8/31/00

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner