

**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)	CONTRACT WITH
A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH THE)	DEVIATIONS
CITY OF GARY)	EL00-032

On November 6, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of a Contract with Deviations with the City of Gary (City). The contract replaces a contract between the parties which terminates on December 8, 2000. The new contract has a ten year term beginning on December 9, 2000. Otter Tail filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 2

At its December 1, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract 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 a Contract with Deviations 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 a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above referenced tariff sheet is effective for service rendered on and after December 9, 2000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of December, 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: <u><i>Delaine Kalbs</i></u>
Date: <u>12/7/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>James A. Burg</i></u> JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
<u><i>Pam Nelson</i></u> PAM NELSON, Commissioner
<u><i>Laska Schoenfelder</i></u> LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner