

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER) TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF) A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH THE) CITY OF WENTWORTH) | ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS EL02-010 |
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On May 30, 2002, 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 Wentworth (Wentworth). The contract replaces a contract between the parties which terminates on July 1, 2002. The new contract has a ten year term beginning on July 1, 2002. Otter Tail filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, Third Revised Sheet No. 4, Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 4

At its July 9, 2002, 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 July 1, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 2002.

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| 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>Melaine Kolbo</i></u> |
| Date: <u>8/1/02</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner