

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER ) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF  
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ) REVISIONS  
TARIFF REVISIONS ) EL02-024**

On November 15, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) requesting approval to revise certain tariff schedules. OTP asked for approval of the following revised tariff sheets of its Electric Rate Schedule:

Section No. 6, Second Revised Sheet No. 11, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 11  
Section No. 6, Second Revised Sheet No. 12, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 12  
Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. Sheet No. 12.1

OTP's Petition in this matter states, in part, that "[t]he changes proposed in this filing would create a standard form, which will be consistent among the three states in which Otter Tail provides retail electric service. These changes will also allow contracts, where the only deviation is the term of the contract, to be removed at the time of the contract renewal from Otter Tail's Summary of Contracts with Deviations List."

At its regularly scheduled December 19, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered approval of the application. OTP explained the tariff revisions. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff sheets. The Commission finds the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that OTP's aforementioned tariff sheets as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Melaine Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>1/6/03</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner