

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS CONTROLLED)
SERVICE – INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD TARIFF) EL05-026

On November 18, 2005, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of revisions to its Controlled Service - Interruptible Load Tariff which would close rate code 180 to new customers effective no later than January 1, 2006. The Controlled Service - Interruptible Load Tariff is available to residential and commercial customers primarily for the electric portion of a dual fueled heating system. Rate Code 180, initially approved in 1983, provides for an installation credit or reduced rate, for three years after service commencement in order to encourage customers to install a dual fuel system. Because of recent price increases in alternative fuels, Otter Tail believes the credit is no longer needed as an incentive for customers to install dual fuel systems with controlled electric service. Customers currently being served on Rate Code 180 would be grandfathered in and continue to receive the credit for the three year period from service commencement. The proposed tariffs are:

Section No. 3, Volume I, Third Revised Sheet No. 50.1, canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 50.1, Rate Designation I-02S, pages 1 of 2 and 2 of 2.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 20, 2005, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's revised tariffs as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2006.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of December, 2005.

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.
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Date: <u>12/29/05</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

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