

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER)
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)
A RENEWAL OF A RELEASED ENERGY)
TARIFF)

ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS

EL06-013

On April 20, 2006, Otter Tail Power Company, Fergus Falls, Minnesota (OTP), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule, specifically the Released Energy Tariff:

Section No. 3, Volume I, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 91, Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 91, Rate Designation M-10S, Released Energy Tariff, Pages 1, 2 and 3 of 3.

The Released Energy Tariff allows OTP to make energy purchases from its South Dakota customers who voluntarily agree to interrupt their firm load. OTP will then market the energy and share the associated revenue with the customer. OTP requests approval effective on or before June 6, 2006.

On April 27, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 12, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 23, 2006, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval as filed with the continuation of the restrictions and reporting requirements as previously approved.

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

ORDERED, that OTP's revised tariff, as described above, is approved as filed with the continuation of the restrictions and reporting requirements as previously approved and it shall be effective for service rendered on and after June 6, 2006.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of June, 2006.

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| Date: <u>6/6/06</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner