

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF )</b>	<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b>
<b>ITS PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY )</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP PLAN</b>
<b>PARTNERSHIP PLAN FOR 2008 )</b>	<b>EL07-011</b>

On March 29, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) for Commission consideration of a one year pilot Energy Efficiency Program. OTP worked with Commission Staff in modifying its Plan and filed the revised Plan on May 8, 2008. The Plan consists of seven individual programs, including programs for all rate classes and major end uses showing the greatest potential for energy savings. It is proposed that the programs would be launched September 1, 2008, with the program cost recovery to commence on October 1, 2008, and the first budgeting period lasting through December 31, 2009. OTP will then file annually, beginning March 10, 2010, for approval of the previous year's expenses, the following year's budget, and to true up any previous imbalances. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 1, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1, canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 98.3

At its May 20, 2008 meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of OTP's revised energy efficiency partnership plan. 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-8.2, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25. Further, the Commission finds that OTP's request for approval of its energy efficiency partnership plan is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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

**ORDERED**, that the request by OTP seeking approval of its energy efficiency partnership plan is hereby granted with a program launch date of September 1, 2008, and program cost recovery commencement date of October 1, 2008. The first budgeting period will last through December 31, 2009, after which OTP will file annually for the approval of the previous year's expenses, the following year's budget, and to true up any previous imbalances, beginning on March 10, 2010.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

**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, electronically.

By: Aelsine Kolbo

Date: 7/28/08

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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