

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
OTTER TAIL CORPORATION D/B/A OTTER )  
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO )  
INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES )**

**ORDER EXTENDING  
SUSPENSION OF  
IMPOSITION OF TARIFF  
EL08-030**

On October 31, 2008, Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company (OTP), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase rates for electric service to customers in its service territory by \$3,883,399 annually or approximately 15.3% based on OTP's 2007 test year. The company states the proposed increase for a residential customer would be \$10.68 per month or 15.0%. The proposed rates may potentially affect approximately 11,700 customers in OTP's service territory. On February 10, 2009, Commission Staff recommended that the suspension of the tariff be further extended for 60 days beyond February 28, 2009.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

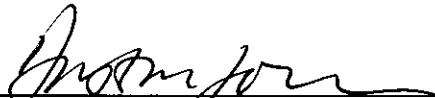
At its February 10, 2009, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the extension sought by Commission Staff. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be further suspended for 60 days beyond February 28, 2009, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

<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, electronically.
By: <u>Helsine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>2/13/09</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner