

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING FUEL
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO)	ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
LEVELIZE THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)	RIDER RATE
RIDER RATE FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH)	
DECEMBER 2009)	EL09-016

On August 27, 2009, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval to vary from its fuel adjustment clause rider tariff, Section 13.01, Sheet Nos. 1-3, on less than 30 days notice. Otter Tail requests the ability to use a fixed fuel adjustment clause rate of \$0.001 for the months of September and October 2009, and a fixed fuel adjustment clause rate of \$0.002 for the months of November and December 2009, in lieu of the calculated rates to minimize the swing in costs charged to customers through the fuel adjustment clause.

At its August 31, 2009, meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of its fuel adjustment clause rider rate. 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-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that Otter Tail's request for approval of its fuel adjustment clause rider rate is just and reasonable and shall be approved on less than 30 days notice. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's fuel adjustment clause rider rate is hereby approved on less than 30 days notice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of September, 2009.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>9/16/09</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner