

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	TARIFF REVISIONS
TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS RATES FOR)	
SMALL POWER PRODUCTION AND)	EL17-003
COGENERATION)	

On January 17, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition of Otter Tail Power Company (OTP). This filing proposes updates to OTP's Small Power Producer Riders, Sections 12.01, 12.02, and 12.03 in OTP's tariff book. These rate schedules set forth the rates under which OTP is obligated to purchase energy and capacity from qualifying facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). In the listed sections, OTP proposes to update the energy and capacity payments as well as the renewable energy credit values. These payments are made to qualifying facilities within the OTP service area. OTP requested an effective date of March 1, 2017.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota P.U.C. Volume II, Electric Rate Schedule

Section 12.01

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3

Section 12.02

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3

Section 12.03

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 2
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 5	Canceling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5

On January 19, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 3, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On February 3, 9, 10, and 15, 2017, OTP filed its responses to Commission staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a March 1, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective March 1, 2017.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that OTP's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after March 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March, 2017.

<p style="text-align: center;">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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>3/01/2017</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner