

**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)
THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY)
RIDER CHARGE)
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**ORDER APPROVING
ENVIRONMENTAL COST
RECOVERY RIDER CHARGE

EL17-035**

On August 31, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of its annual update to the Environmental Cost Recovery Rate under Otter Tail's Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECR), Rate Schedule 13.08, for the actual and forecasted cost and revenue through the recovery period of November 2017 through October 2018 for Big Stone Plant's Air Quality Control System and Hoot Lake Plant's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Otter Tail states the rate impact of this request (for both projects) will decrease the ECR charge from \$0.00536 per kWh to \$0.00483 per kWh. The bill decrease for a typical residential customer averaging 955 kWh per month will be approximately \$0.51 or 0.58 percent.

On September 7, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 22, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 18, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On September 28, 2017, Otter Tail filed a revised petition. On October 4, 2017, the Commission's staff (Staff) filed a Staff Memorandum recommending Commission approval of the ECR charge as filed on September 28, 2017.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

- Section 13.08
- Third Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 1
- First Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 2

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically SDCL 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 11, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the revised ECR charge with an effective date of November 1, 2017. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the ECR charge and associated tariff revisions with an effective date of November 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's Environmental Cost Recovery charge, including the above referenced tariff sheets, is hereby approved, effective on and after November 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of October, 2017.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHuelle</u>
Date: <u>10/13/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner