

**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 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY RIDER RATE)
)

**ORDER APPROVING 2018
TRANSMISSION COST
RECOVERY RATE ADJUSTMENT**

EL17-048

On November 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) for approval of its 2018 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. The update includes the tracker balance estimated for the end of the current recovery period so that no over or under-recovery of TCR costs occurs. OTP's petition proposed a March 1, 2018, effective date.

On November 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 17, 2017, to interested persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On November 27, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On January 29, 2018, OTP filed a Supplemental Filing with revised Attachments 1 through 25. On February 16, 2018, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a Staff Memorandum recommending Commission approval of the TCR revenue requirement and resulting rates as filed in the Supplemental Filing on January 29, 2018. The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2018, is as follows:

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

Section No. 13.05

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 22, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and made further inquiry of the parties at the meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the TCR rates and associated tariff sheet with an effective date of March 1, 2018. It is therefore

ORDERED, that OTP's revised TCR rates are approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is approved with an effective date of March 1, 2018.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February 2018.

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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>02/28/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Biegen
KRISTIE BIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner