

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY )  
REGARDING ITS PROPOSED )  
SOUTH DAKOTA ENERGY )  
EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2017-2019 )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
EXTENSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**

**EL16-020**

On April 29, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requesting approval of its proposed South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan for 2017-2019 (2017-19 SD EEP). In the 2017-19 SD EEP, Otter Tail planned to continue, with modifications, its portfolio of cost-effective energy efficiency projects in South Dakota. Otter Tail did not propose to include new projects in the 2017-19 SD EEP; however, proposed modifications to the plan incorporated new technologies. Finally, Otter Tail proposed to increase the 2017-19 EEP budget to \$449,000 and continue the fixed percentage incentive at 30 percent of actual expenses with a cap set at 30 percent of the approved budget.

On November 28, 2016, the Commission issued an order approving Otter Tail's 2017-19 EEP and budgets subject to certain PUC Staff recommendations. On September 21, 2018, Otter Tail filed a budget increase request for Commission approval. Specifically, Otter Tail requested to increase the EEP budget from \$449,000 to \$699,000 or a \$250,000 annual increase for three years, beginning in 2019 through 2021. On December 12, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Approving Revisions to South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan. On May 22, 2019, Otter Tail requested an extension of the 2017-19 SD EEP for 2020.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-8.2.

At the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on June 25, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that there is good cause to extend Otter Tail's 2017-2019 SD EEP for 2020, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the extension. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to extend the current 2017-2019 EEP, as revised on December 12, 2018, for 2020 is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of July 2019.

<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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>7/1/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairperson

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner