

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS )  
ELECTRIC RATES )**

**SCHEDULING ORDER  
  
EL18-021**

On April 20, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or Company) for approval to increase rates for electric service in its South Dakota service territory (Application). The proposed rates may potentially affect approximately 11,700 customers in Otter Tail's South Dakota service territory. On April 26, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of June 1, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. On May 16, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates; Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Consulting Contracts. On June 28, 2018, Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. filed a Petition to Intervene which was granted by the Commission on July 16, 2018. On October 18, 2018, Otter Tail implemented interim rates pursuant to 49-34A-17.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26, 49-1A, 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:13 and 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

On February 5, 2019, Otter Tail and Commission staff (Staff) filed a Stipulation for Procedural Schedule and requested the Commission issue a procedural schedule as follows:

Staff prefiled testimony	February 19, 2019
Otter Tail prefiled rebuttal testimony	March 15, 2019
Witness lists and Exhibits prefiled	March 22, 2019
Evidentiary hearing	March 26-28, 2019
Post-hearing briefs (if ordered)	April 8, 2019

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth above except as otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Brenne</u>
Date:	<u>02/07/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner