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 2019 TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RATE ADJUSTMENT** **EL18-048**

On October 31, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) for approval of its 2019 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, 2019, effective date.

On November 1, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 16, 2018, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 16, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On February 1, 2019, OTP filed a Supplemental Filing with revised Attachments 1 through 19. On February 12, 2019, 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 February 1, 2019. The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2019, is as follows:

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

Section No. 13.05
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a March 1, 2019, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective March 1, 2019. 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, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th 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 or by mail.

By: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 02/20/19

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner