

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTTER)	ORDER APPROVING
TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	UPDATED 2019
THE TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER)	TRANSMISSION COST
RATE)	RECOVERY RATE
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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.

On February 20, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving 2019 Transmission Cost Recovery Rate Adjustment for rates effective March 1, 2019. On July 1, 2019, OTP and Staff (Parties) filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation on Correcting Electric Plant In Service – Transmission Rate Base Total. This Stipulation was prepared and executed by the Parties for the purpose of equitably and efficiently addressing a mistake in OTP's reported rate base in Docket EL18-021. The Parties agree that this error, arising from a rate base adjustment for the Big Stone Area Transmission to Brookings project, should be corrected and the most appropriate vehicle for achieving this end is OTP's TCR Rider. The Stipulation specifies the Parties agree that OTP will file an update to the TCR Rider at a time to permit the rates reflecting the correction to go into effect on October 1, 2019. On July 11, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Approving Settlement Stipulation (Order). On July 31, 2019, OTP made its supplemental filing pursuant the Order. On September 5, 2019, OTP filed revisions to its supplemental filing to revise the TCR rates in order to fully recover the tracker balance by the end of the current recovery period.

The revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2019, is as follows:

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

Section No. 13.05

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancelling Tenth 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 September 17, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with an October 1, 2019, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective October 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 October 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September 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: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>9/19/19</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner