

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL)
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF)
REVISIONS TO ITS READY CHECK BROCHURE)

ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS

EL19-037

On October 24, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of revisions to its Ready Check Sample Form and associated tariff sheets. Otter Tail seeks to clarify how it will align bill payment withdrawals to the customer's due date.

On October 31, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 15, 2019, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 12, 2019, Otter Tail responded to Commission staff's data request. The matter was scheduled to be heard at the November 26, 2019 Commission Meeting but was deferred. On November 27, 2019, Otter Tail filed revised tariff sheets to include the option of bill payment withdrawals on the customer's due date. On December 13, 2019, Otter Tail filed revised tariff sheets to make minor updates.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

Section 1.05 – Fifth Revised Sheet No. 21 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 21
Section 1.05 – Fifth Revised Sheet No. 22 Cancelling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 22

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-10, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

On December 20, 2019, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a January 1, 2020, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective January 1, 2020.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2020.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of December 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>12/31/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner