

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING 2021-2023</b>
<b>OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY )</b>	<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN</b>
<b>REGARDING ITS 2021-2023 ENERGY )</b>	
<b>EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP )</b>	<b>EL20-022</b>
<b>TRIENNIAL PLAN )</b>	

On July 1, 2020, the Commission received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requesting approval of its proposed 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Partnership Triennial Plan (EEP). Otter Tail's proposed EEP continues certain cost-effective energy efficiency projects included in its current plan, as well as includes three new residential projects and one new commercial project. Otter Tail proposes a 2021 EEP budget of \$775,000 and 2022 and 2023 EEP budgets of \$525,000. Otter Tail proposes to continue the fixed percentage incentive of 30 percent of actual EEP expenses, capped at 30 percent of the proposed budget.

On July 2, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 17, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 17, November 3, and November 17, 2020, Otter Tail filed its responses to Commission Staff's (Staff) data requests. On November 19, 2020, Staff filed its Memorandum regarding its analysis and recommendations for the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on November 24, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve Otter Tail's proposed 2021-2023 EEP, subject to the conditions that the fixed percentage incentive shall be calculated as 30 percent of actual expenses, with a cap set at 30 percent of the approved budget and actual spending shall not exceed 10 percent above the approved budget, unless approved by the Commission. Staff also requested the Commission provide clarification on whether or not changes in rebate amounts need to be approved by the Commission. Finding that Otter Tail's request for approval of its 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Plan, with Staff's recommendations, is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Otter Tail's request, subject to Staff's recommendations. The Commission also voted unanimously that changes in rebate amounts shall be approved by the Commission. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2021-2023 Energy Efficiency Plan is hereby approved subject to the conditions that the fixed percentage initiative shall be calculated as 30 percent of actual expenses, with a cap set at 30 percent of the approved budget and actual spending shall not exceed 10 percent above the approved budget, unless approved by the Commission. It is further

ORDERED, that all changes in rebate amounts shall be approved by the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

<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 DetHueck</u>
Date:	<u>11/30/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner