

**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 ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL20-032

On October 30, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) petition for approval of its 2021 Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. Otter Tail's TCR rate has been adjusted to reflect the TCR revenue requirements for the next recovery period (March 2021 – February 2022). 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. Otter Tail is also requesting recovery of two new transmission projects in this annual update, the Erie-Frazee 115 kV Project and the Grant County-Norcross 115 kV Project. Otter Tail proposes the update to the rates be applied to usage on and after March 1, 2021.

On November 5, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 20, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$50,000 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of November 2020.

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: Adam Detrick

Date: 11/16/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner