

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Corporation
Electric Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-08-862

**NOTICE OF HEARING, PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND INTERVENTION
DEADLINE**

December 17, 2008

On November 3, 2008 Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed a Notice for Change in Rates for Electric Service under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05 and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-02-01. Otter Tail proposes a \$6 million or 5 percent increase in its annual North Dakota electric revenues. The proposed rates would affect Otter Tail's service to all of its approximately 57,000 retail electric customers in the State of North Dakota.

A **hearing** is scheduled to begin on **April 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. CT** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. Issues to be considered in this matter include:

1. What is the value of Otter Tail's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is Otter Tail's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on Otter Tail's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on Otter Tail's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are Otter Tail's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

6. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

Public Input Sessions will be held via interactive television on **February 10, 2009 and March 23, 2009 at 12:00 noon CT** at locations set forth below. Members of the public are invited to appear and participate in the informal discussion. The session is not considered part of the technical hearing and the discussion at the session will not become part of the evidence reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern to the members of the public and help customers better understand Otter Tail's request.

Public Input Session Locations

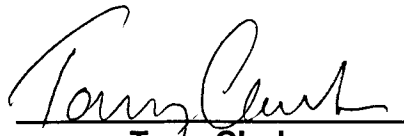
<p>Devils Lake Lake Area Career and Technological Center 205-16th St. NW Devils Lake, ND</p>	<p>Jamestown James Valley Career and Technological Center 910-12th Ave. NE, Room A Jamestown, ND</p>
<p>Washburn Washburn Public School Boardroom 713-7th St. Washburn, ND</p>	<p>Wahpeton Richland County Courthouse Commission Room 418-2nd Ave. N. Wahpeton, ND</p>
<p>Bismarck Public Service Commission 12th Floor, State Capitol 600 E. Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND</p>	

The public will also be able to hear the input session by connecting to the Commission's web site <http://www.nd.gov/psc> and then clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page that says Broadcast of Public Input Sessions over IVN. The Commission will receive e-mail questions during the session at ndpsc@nd.gov.

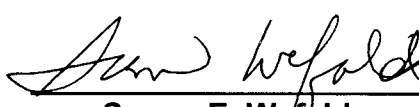
Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file a **Petition to Intervene by February 27, 2009**. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in the Public Input Session.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director, at least 24 hours in advance.

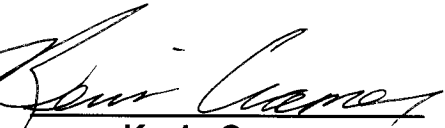
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