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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Notice of Changes to its General Rules and Regulations Relating to Master Metering  
Case No. PU-13-**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed are an original and seven (7) copies of Otter Tail Power Company's ("Otter Tail's") Notice of Changes to Otter Tail's General Rules and Regulations Relating to Master Metering. This notice is being sent to you by electronic mail as well as a paper copy sent by regular mail delivery. A filing fee in the amount of \$50.00 has been included with the paper copy.

In Case No. PU-12-162, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") repealed North Dakota Administrative Rule Section 69-09-02-37. This rule addressed exceptions related to electric master metering prohibited in the State of North Dakota. The repeal of this rule required Otter Tail to make modifications to Section 2.02 of its General Rules and Regulations. The modifications made to Section 2.02 consist of removing any reference to master metering prohibitions and exceptions and any reference to North Dakota Administrative Rule 69-09-02-37. We also made a few minor language changes to continue to describe how multiple unit structures receive service from Otter Tail. A redline and non-redline version of Section 2.02 is attached to this letter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 218-739-8838 or [rlspangler@otpc.com](mailto:rlspangler@otpc.com).

Very truly yours,

*/s/ RON L. SPANGLER JR.*  
Ron L. Spangler Jr.  
Rate Case Manager

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Enclosures  
By electronic filing and regular mail delivery



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## Section 2.02 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

Rates designated “General Service” are available to any nonresidential Customer.

A Residential Service rate may be applied only to an individual residence, private apartment, mobile home, fraternity house or sorority house, but including garages and other auxiliary buildings on the premises and used by the Residential Customer for noncommercial use. A residence containing not more than one light housekeeping unit in addition to the principal Residential unit may be classified as a single unit.

~~Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-02-37 Standards of Service— Electric, master metering of electric service is prohibited in buildings constructed or substantially remodeled after November 1, 1980. Service to buildings or portions of buildings having apartments or dwelling units for use by transient guests, such as dormitories, hotels and motels, or buildings constructed solely for occupancy by the elderly or similar facilities, or low-rental housing in which the cost of electricity is included in the rent and where the amount of the rental payment is based upon the tenant’s ability to pay, is exempt from this provision.~~

~~An owner or builder of a new or substantially remodeled building may petition the Commission for approval of master metering of electric service. The Commission may approve the petition if the owner or builder affirmatively demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commission that the costs of purchasing and installing separate meters in such building exceed the long-run benefits of separate metering to customers in such building. Subject to the restrictions on master metering of service stated in this Section and in the North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-02-37, existing mMultiple unit structures now receiving service through a may be centrally metered through the existing service entrance, where it would be impractical or unreasonably expensive to be metered separately, and will be billed as follows:~~

- 1) Electric service in a single-metered multi-unit Residential building is billed to the landlord/building owner. The landlord/building owner of a single-metered multi-unit Residential building is the bill payer responsible, and is the Customer of record contracting with the Company for service, and the landlord/building owner is required to notify the Company of the existence of a single-metered multi-unit Residential building.
- 2) A landlord/building owner renting space to separate business enterprises in the same building may take service through a single meter at the applicable general service rate, provided service is furnished for occupants of the building as part of the rent. The landlord/building owner of a

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3) A Customer occupying a building, on a single Farm, for Residential and nonresidential, or Farm purposes jointly may combine the Customer's Residential and nonresidential or Farm use on the applicable nonresidential or Farm service rate, or the Customer may provide for separate metering and separate circuits for the Residential and nonresidential or Farm portions of his building or Farm, in which case the electricity consumed through each Meter will be billed at the applicable rate.

The Farm Service Rate shall apply to any Customer carrying on normal farming operations regardless whether the Farm is situated inside or outside the corporate limits of any city or village.

Two or more families living either in the same farmhouse or in separate buildings but all involved in the normal operation of a single Farm may take service through the Farm Meter and billed at the regular Farm rate, subject to the limitations contained in the Farm rate.

A residence located adjacent to or on a Farm, but not being a part of the Farm operation is considered simply as a residence in a rural area and shall be metered separately and billed at the applicable Residential rate. If such residence is occupied by a family member involved with the operation of the Farm, the dwelling may be classified as either Residential or Farm. Farm classification will allow some or all of the outbuildings to be metered with the residence. If classified as Residential, only those outbuildings associated with Residential usage, such as a garage or storage building, may be metered with the residence.

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Multiple unit structures receiving service through a central meter will be billed as follows:

1) Electric service in a single-metered multi-unit Residential building is billed to the landlord/building owner. The landlord/building owner of a single-metered multi-unit Residential building is the bill payer responsible, and is the Customer of record contracting with the Company for service, and the landlord/building owner is required to notify the Company of the existence of a single-metered multi-unit Residential building.

2) A landlord/building owner renting space to separate business enterprises in the same building may take service through a single meter at the applicable general service rate, provided service is furnished for occupants of the building as part of the rent. The landlord/building owner of a single-metered multi-unit nonresidential building is the bill payer responsible, and is the Customer of record contracting with the Company for service, and the landlord/building owner is required to notify the Company of the existence of a single-metered multi-unit nonresidential building.

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