

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company
Environmental Cost Recovery
Rates**

Case No. PU-16-148

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **19th day of May, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496
Cert. No. 7015 3010 0000 6559 5403


Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **19th day of May, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

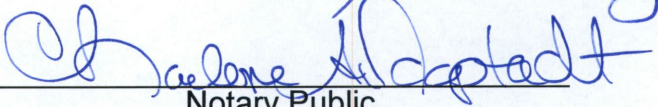
The envelope was addressed as follows:

Pete Beithon
Manager, Regulatory Recovery
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

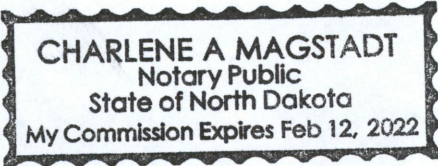
Subscribed and sworn to before me this **19th day of May, 2016.**





Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

May 18, 2016

Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) Environmental Cost Recovery Rider tariff provides for an adjustment of rates to recover capital costs and operating expenses incurred to comply with federal mandates for environmental upgrades to its electric generation facilities using coal. The proposed rate adjustment to be effective for bills rendered on and after July 1, 2016, is applied as a percentage of base rates, as follows:

Existing Rate	9.193%
Proposed Rate	<u>7.904%</u>
Decrease in Rate	<u>1.289%</u>

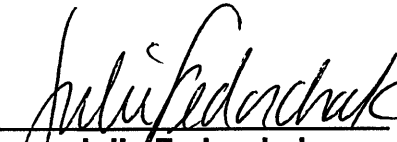
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with the tariff and are reasonable and prudent.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by June 21, 2016.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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 Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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