

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017)
Rates

Case No. PU-16-624

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 **22nd** day of **September, 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:

Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496
Cert. No. 7016 0600 0000 4633 7843

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **22nd day of September, 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.

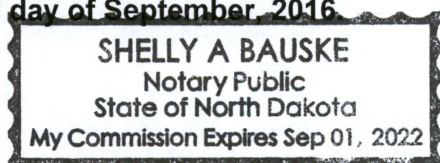
The envelope was addressed as follows:

Bryce Haugen
Sr. Rates Analyst, Regulatory Administration
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
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The address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **22nd day of September, 2016**

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz

Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

September 21, 2016

On September 1, 2016, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an annual update to its Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider tariff. On September 14, 2016, Otter Tail filed an update proposing to spread its estimated over-collection of the true-up over both 2017 and 2018 thereby resulting in a smaller decrease for 2017 and an estimated smaller increase for 2018. The proposed rate decrease for 2017 includes updated electric transmission expenses with offsetting revenues and a true-up amount from the current rate. The proposed rate adjustment to be effective for bills rendered on and after January 1, 2017, is as follows:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Large Gen. Service	\$2.406/kW	\$1.689	\$(0.717)
Controlled Service	\$0.00088 /kWh	\$0.00065	\$(0.00023)
Lighting Service	\$0.00399 /kWh	\$0.00270	\$(0.00129)
All Other Service	\$0.00680 /kWh	\$0.00475	\$(0.00205)

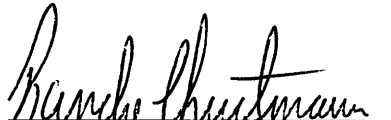
The decrease for a typical residential customer using 1000 kWh per month would be \$2.05 per month. The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the proposed rate adjustment complies with Otter Tail's tariff,
2. Whether the incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the transmission cost recovery rider.

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 November 7, 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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