

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
2017 Electric Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-17-398**

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing**

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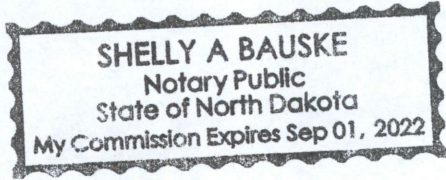
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **28th day of February, 2018**

*Shelly A Bauske*

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Notary Public



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**February 27, 2018**

On November 2, 2017, 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 \$13.14 million or 8.72 percent increase in its annual North Dakota electric revenues. The proposed rates would affect Otter Tail's service to all of its retail electric customers in the State of North Dakota. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on December 20, 2017 and February 27, 2018.

A **Public Input Session** will be held via interactive television on **April 3, 2018 at 5 p.m. CDT** 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 members of the public and help customers better understand Otter Tail's request. The locations for the interactive video sessions are:

<p><b>Devils Lake</b> Lake Region State College Room: Admin 171 1801 College Drive North Devils Lake, ND 58301</p>	<p><b>Jamestown</b> James Valley Career and Technological Center Room: Classroom A 910-12<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Jamestown, ND 58401</p>
<p><b>Washburn</b> Washburn High School Room: Computer Lab Room 110 713 7<sup>th</sup> ST Washburn, ND 58076</p>	<p><b>Wahpeton</b> ND State College of Science Room: Library 117 800 6<sup>th</sup> Street N. Wahpeton, ND 58076</p>
<p><b>Bismarck</b> Public Service Commission Commission Hearing Room 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol 600 E. Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND</p>	<p><b>Bottineau</b> Dakota College at Bottineau Room: Nelson Science Center Room 105 105 Simrall Blvd. Bottineau, ND 58318</p>

A second **Public Input Session** will be held via **web conferencing on April 5, 2018 at 12 noon CDT**. Participation instructions for the web conference can be found on the Commission's web page at <http://psc.nd.gov/publicInput.php>.

A **public hearing** is scheduled to begin **July 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.


The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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?

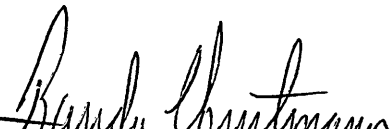
**Petitions to Intervene** are governed by N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 69-02-02. However, the Commission encourages anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervener status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a Petition to Intervene **by April 20, 2018**. 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 the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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