

# Memorandum

To: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock, Advocacy Staff

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Date: December 17, 2018

RE: Response to OTP's Compliance Filing  
Case No. PU-17-398

On November 28, 2018 Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed tariffs, rates, and supporting work papers in compliance with the commission's Order dated September 26, 2018. Staff has reviewed the filing to ensure that the new tariffs and rates will increase revenues by \$7.1 million in compliance with the settlement agreement and commission order, and that changes in the tariff language are reasonable and appropriate. Staff did find two rate errors in the compliance filing and immediately discussed with OTP.

On December 17, 2018 OTP filed an amendment to its compliance filing correcting the errors that were brought to its attention and making several other clerical changes.

Staff believes that OTP's filings comply with the commission's Order and recommends approval of the tariffs and rates with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

In addition, OTP submitted a proposed Interim Rate Refund Plan for approval in compliance with the commissions September 26, 2018 Order. Staff has reviewed the plan and believes it complies with the terms of the settlement agreement and the commission's order. Staff recommends approval of the refund plan, with the final refund amounts to be calculated using the amount collected through the final date of interim rates and refunds to be issued by April 1, 2019.

cc: Matt Olsen