


Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock, Advocacy Staff 

Date: March 11, 2019

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.

On December 17, 2018 OTP filed an amendment to its compliance filing correcting errors in rates for service rendered on or after January 1, 2019, and making several other clerical changes.

On December 19, 2018 the Commission approved OTPs compliance filings for service rendered on or after January 1, 2019.

On December 26, 2018 OTP filed a notification of delay in implementation of their customer information and billing system (CIS) and because of this would be delaying its implementation of final rates until February 1, 2019. The delay in implementation of final rates is necessary because the settlement agreement specifies that the CIS may only be included in rate base once it is placed into service.

On January 17, 2019 OTP filed updated tariffs and rates with effective dates of February 1, 2019.

On January 23, 2019 the Commission issued a notice of intent to amend order and a notice of opportunity for hearing which expired on February 26, 2019. The Commission received no opposition or requests for hearing.

Staff believes that it is appropriate to modify the Commission's order to allow new rates to be effective for service rendered on or after February 1, 2019.

Staff has reviewed the January 17, 2019 OTP compliance filing and believes that if the Commission modifies the effective date for service rendered on or after February 1, 2019 in their amended order, the filing would be in compliance with the Commission's Amended Order and the settlement agreement and therefore would recommend approval of the compliance tariffs and rates.

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