

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2020)  
Rates

Case No. PU-19-311

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED 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 December 2019**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

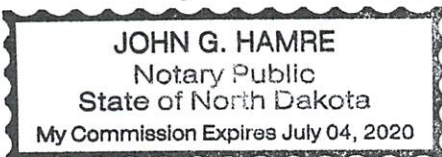
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **19th day of December 2019**.



*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*  
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*John G. Hamre*  
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Notary Public

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December 18, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On August 30, 2019, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an annual rate update under its Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) tariff.

On September 19, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until October 31, 2019, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

The Notice identified 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 TCRR.

**Discussion**

Otter Tail's proposed rate to be effective for bills rendered on and after January 1, 2020, includes the costs for seven new transmission projects, updated electric transmission expenses with offsetting revenues, and a true-up amount from the current rate. The increase for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would be \$0.73 per month

The proposed rate adjustment complies with Otter Tail's tariff.

The incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent.

The incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCRR.

**Order**

The Commission Orders Otter Tail's 2020 TCRR rate is approved effective January 1, 2020.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner



Brian Kroshus  
Chairman



Randy Christmann  
Commissioner