

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
2021 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor  
Rates

Case No. PU-21-30

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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 **18th day of March 2021**, 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**

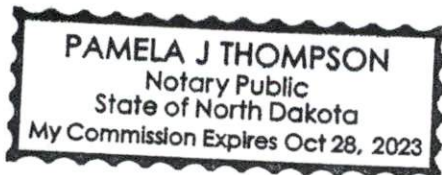
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **18th of March 2021**.



*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*  
*Pamela J. Thompson*  
Notary Public

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**Preliminary Statement**

On January 19, 2021, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application to change its Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (RRCR) Rider rate. The proposed rate reflects forecasted costs related to investments in the Ashtabula and Langdon Wind Energy Facilities and the Merricourt Wind Energy Project for April 1, 2021, through March 2022, and a true-up of under-recovered costs from the recovery period April 2020 through March 2021.

On February 3, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until March 12, 2021, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No request for a hearing was received.

The Notice identified the following issues to be considered in this matter:

1. Whether the investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery.
2. Whether the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent.
3. Whether the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of Otter Tail's tariff.

**Discussion**

Otter Tail proposes a \$11,758,253 revenue requirement to be collected from customers over the April 1, 2021, through March 2022 recovery period. The result is an RRCR Rider rate increase from 5.637 to 11.825 percent and is to be applied to energy billed to each customer. The requirement includes \$10,689,677 of costs associated with the three wind projects, \$1,012,388 associated with the true-up, and \$56,187 associated with carrying costs.

The revenue requirement for the 2021 RRCR Rider rate is approximately \$4.2 million higher than the revenue requirement for the 2020 RRCR Rider rate.

As a result of this change, a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month would experience a bill increase of approximately \$4.24.


The Commission finds Otter Tail's investments qualify for recovery, the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of Otter Tail's tariff; therefore, the 2021 RRCR Rider rate change should be approved.

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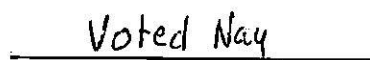
The Commission orders:

1. Otter Tail Power Company's 2021 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rider rate filed on January 19, 2021, is APPROVED for service effective April 1, 2021.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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Randy Christmann  
Commissioner

  
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Julie Fedorchak  
Chair

  
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Brian Kroshus  
Commissioner