

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Generation Resource Cost Recover  
Rates

Case No. PU-21-92

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Order**

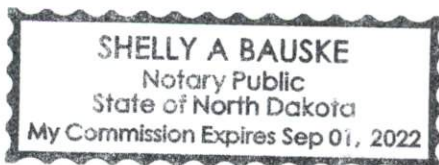
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **7th day of May 2021**.



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**May 5, 2021**

**Preliminary Statement**

On March 2, 2021, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an annual rate update under its Generation Resource Cost Recovery (GRCR) tariff.

On March 17, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until April 26, 2021, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The Notice identified the issues to consider in this proceeding are:

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

**Discussion**


OTP's proposes a GRCR factor of 5.179 percent of customer bills to recover actual and forecasted costs through June 2022 for the Astoria Station Natural Gas Plant project (Astoria Station) and net savings associated with the retirement of OTP's Hoot Lake Plant. OTP proposes to recover approximately \$5,153,770 during the recovery period of July 1, 2021 through June 2022. The impact of the rate change on the bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month is a reduction of approximately \$0.66 per month.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds OTP's proposed rate adjustment is just and reasonable. OTP's cost projections for Astoria Station and retail sales forecasts appear reasonable. The proposed recovery factor is non-discriminatory and calculated to recover the cost projections from forecasted retail sales. The Commission finds the proposed recovery factor complies with the tariff and is just and reasonable. Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

**Order**

The Commission Orders Otter Tail Power Company's application for a GRCR factor of 5.179 percent is APPROVED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Randy Christmann  
Commissioner

  
Julie Fedorchak  
Chair

  
Brian Kroshus  
Commissioner