

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2022)
Rates

Case No. PU-21-376

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Order**

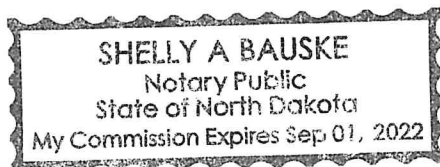
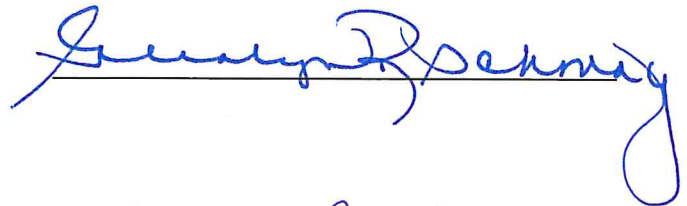
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **2nd day December 2021**.





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Preliminary Statement

On September 16, 2021, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an annual rate update under its Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR) tariff.

On October 6, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 20, 2021, 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 OTP'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

OTP's proposed rate to be effective for bills rendered on and after January 1, 2022, includes the costs for nineteen existing and three 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 \$0.41 per month.

The proposed rate adjustment complies with OTP'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.

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The Commission Orders OTP's 2022 TCRR rate is approved effective January 1, 2022.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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Commissioner