

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Cost Adjustment – Hoot Lake Solar Project
Tariff**

Case No. PU-21-443

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Order**

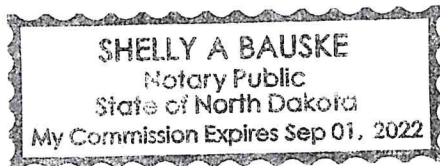
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March 9, 2022

Preliminary Statement

On December 1, 2021, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an application for revisions to its Energy Adjustment Rider (EAR) tariff to include recovery of an alternate or proxy price for the energy to be generated from the Hoot Lake Solar Facility. The tariff revisions would not result in an increase or decrease in rates to North Dakota customers.

On December 15, 2021, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until January 31, 2022, for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response or request for hearing was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Whether the proposed tariff changes are reasonable?
2. Whether the tariff changes should be approved?

On February 23, 2022, the Commission discussed these matters with OTP and Commission staff during an informal hearing.

Discussion

During the February 23, 2022, informal hearing the following was offered and accepted into the official record.

OTP proposes to replace the megawatt hours (MWh) produced by the Hoot Lake Solar Facility in the calculation of its EAR with an equal amount of energy priced at the corresponding hourly locational marginal price at the Hoot Lake 2 node. This change would remove the impact of the Hoot Lake Solar Facility from North Dakota customers as if it did not exist.

Based on the record and having received no objections, the Commission finds OTP's proposed tariff revision is reasonable and prudent.

Order

The Commission orders Otter Tail Power Company's proposed Energy Adjustment Rider, Rate Schedule 13.01 tariff revision is APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann
Commissioner



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Chair



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