

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
General Rules and Regulations
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-22-190

ORDER

October 5, 2022

Preliminary Statement

On May 1, 2022, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an application to implement revisions to sections 5.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 11.05, 11.07 and 14.07 of its existing tariffs. OTP states the changes are administrative in nature and are part of OTP's ongoing efforts to provide clarity, proper billing and consistency for its North Dakota electric customers.

On May 25, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until July 6, 2022, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Are the proposed tariff revisions just and reasonable?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

Discussion

The proposed tariff revisions include the following changes:

1. Section 5.01. Clarifies that when connecting a new customer or upgrading the service to an existing customer, that sales taxes, franchise fees and other governmental charges will be excluded from the calculation that determines if a contribution is necessary from the new or upgrading customer.
2. Sections 10.02, 10.03, 10.04 and 10.05. Clarifies that customers will be billed based on Billing Demand rather than Measured Demand for purposes of determining the Facility Charge Demand.
3. Section 11.05. This change is identical to the changes to sections 10.02-10.05. However, it is worth noting that until OTP recently installed new meters capable of measuring demand for this class of customer, they had no way of measuring their demand.

4. Section 11.07. This is an error correction. The tariff currently references the state of Minnesota rather than North Dakota.

5. Section 14.07. Clarifies which rates apply to a given situation. The change is primarily driven by similar changes in OTP's Minnesota and South Dakota tariffs.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds OTP's proposed tariff and rate revisions are just, reasonable, in compliance with the tariff and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues its:

Order

The Commission orders Otter Tail Power Company's tariff revisions are APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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