

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
General Rules and Regulations  
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-22-190

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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 **6th day of October 2022** 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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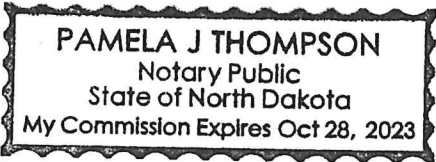
**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **6th day of October 2022**, she sent an electronic message to **one** addressee, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Filing Coordinator – Regulatory Department  
Otter Tail Power Company  
[Regulatory Filing Coordinators@otpc.com](mailto:Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com)

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of October 2022.**



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Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is "Genevieve Schmay" written over a horizontal line. The bottom signature is "Pamela Thompson" written over a horizontal line, with the words "Notary Public" printed below the line.

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**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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Commissioner

  
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Chair

  
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Commissioner