

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver  
Approval

Case No. PU-23-81

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 **2nd day of March 2023**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Derek Haugen  
Energy Recovery Analyst  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 7021 2720 0000 4438 7061**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **2nd day of March 2023**, she sent an electronic message to **one** address, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

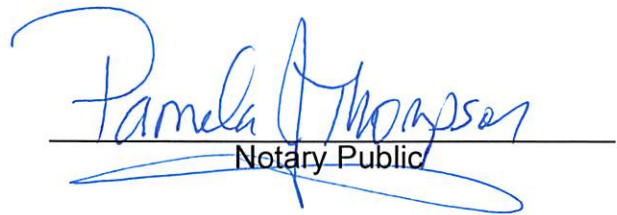
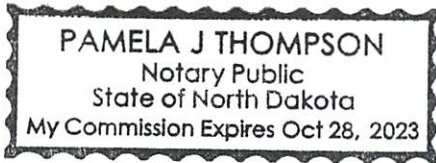
Regulatory Filing Coordinators  
Otter Tail Power Company  
[Regulatory Filing Coordinators@otpc.com](mailto:Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com)

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **2nd day of March 2023**.



Handwritten signature of Sean P. Schmitz in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.



Handwritten signature of Pamela J Thompson in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "Notary Public" are printed.

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**February 28, 2023**

On February 24, 2023, the Commission received a request from Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) for a temporary waiver from its Energy Adjustment Rider (EAR) tariff provisions. The waiver would permit OTP to recover approximately \$14 million of January 2023's costs that would normally be collected during March 2023 during the months of April through July 2023.

OTP's filing noted that due to its Big Stone Plant being offline from November 5, 2022, through February 8, 2023, it was forced to purchase higher priced energy from the market and forward energy purchases. These purchases are what led to the \$14 million in additional costs.

OTP states that the proposed waiver would serve to smooth the EAR rate over the March through July 2023 time period rather than an abrupt increase that would occur in March 2023 absent the waiver. If the waiver is not granted, a residential customer using 1000 kWh would see an increase of approximately \$12.62 per month above the February 2023 rate. If the waiver is granted that same customer would see an increase of approximately \$5.43 per month above the February 2023 rate.

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 49-05-05 no tariff change may be made without a notice of at least thirty days to the Commission. The Commission may allow changes upon less than thirty days if good cause is shown.

The Commission finds that granting the waiver is in the public interest as it will mitigate the rate impact to customers.

The Commission finds good cause to allow the temporary tariff waiver upon less than thirty days' notice.

**Order**

The Commission Orders Otter Tail Power Company's request for a temporary waiver from its Energy Adjustment Rider tariff is Granted.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart**  
Commissioner

  
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**Randy Christmann**  
Chair

  
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**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner