

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Rates**

**Case No. PU-23-83**

**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 **29th day of June 2023**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson  
Associate General Counsel  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 7021 2720 0000 4438 7832**

Emily Ketelsen  
Rates Analyst, Regulatory Economics  
Otter Tail Power Company  
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Paula Foster – Supervisor  
Regulatory Analysis, Regulatory Economics  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
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**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **29th day of June 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:

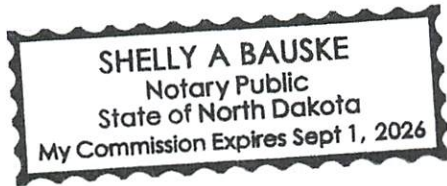
Regulatory Filing Coordinators  
Otter Tail Power Company  
[Regulatory\\_Filing\\_Coordinators@otpc.com](mailto:Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com)

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **29th day of June 2023**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerrit J. Schmag", is written over a horizontal line.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, "Shelly A Bauske", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Notary Public" is printed.

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**ORDER**

**June 28, 2023**

**Preliminary Statement**

On March 1, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an annual rate update under its Generation Resource Cost Recovery (GRCR) tariff.

On April 27, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until June 12, 2023, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The Notice identified the issues to consider in this proceeding are:

1. Whether the investments and associated costs for the resources qualify for recovery,
2. Whether the incurred costs are reasonable and prudent, and
3. Whether the rate adjustments are consistent with the terms of OTP's tariff.

**Discussion**

OTP proposes a GRCR factor of 2.026 percent of customer bills to recover actual and forecasted costs through June 30, 2024, for the Astoria Station Natural Gas Plant project (Astoria Station) and net savings associated with the retirement of OTP's Hoot Lake Plant. OTP proposes to recover approximately \$2,243,855 during the recovery period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The impact of the rate change on the bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month is a reduction of approximately \$0.74 per month.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds OTP's proposed rate adjustment is just and reasonable. OTP's cost projections for Astoria Station and retail sales forecasts are reasonable. The proposed recovery factor is non-discriminatory and calculated to recover the cost projections from forecasted retail sales. The Commission finds the proposed recovery factor complies with the tariff and is just and reasonable. Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

**Order**

The Commission Orders Otter Tail Power Company's application for a GRCR factor of 2.026 percent is APPROVED.

**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**