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February 6, 2024



Mr. Steve Kahl Director of Administration/Executive Secretary North Dakota Public Service Commission 600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in North Dakota Case No. PU-23-342 OAH File No. 20230373 Letter

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On November 2, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed its Application for Authority to Increase Electric Rates in North Dakota (the Application). In connection therewith, Otter Tail filed its Alternative Petition for Interim Rates (the Petition) requesting the Commission authorize an interim rate increase of \$34,450,473. The Commission granted the Petition pursuant to its December 13, 2023, Order Approving Interim Rates, which authorized an interim rate increase of \$34,450,473. The interim rate increase is being collected through an Interim Rate Adjustment of 30.51 percent, beginning with the Company's January 2024 billing cycle.

A portion of the interim rate increase is attributable to costs moving from riders into base rates. Otter Tail has determined certain portions of the Application and Petition understated the amount of the increase attributable to moving costs from riders into base rates. Specifically, portions of the Application and Petition state \$20,235,589 of the interim revenue rate increase is due to the movement of costs from riders into base rates, resulting in a net increase of \$14,214,884 (or approximately 6.03 percent). These amounts are in error: the correct figures are \$22,002,887 due to the movement of costs from riders into base rates and a resulting net increase of \$12,422,036. The discrepancy does not affect the overall interim revenue deficiency of \$34,450,473 or the Interim Rate Adjustment percentage of 30.51 percent. As a result and given the Interim Rate Adjustment (which is correct) is already being applied to customer bills, Otter Tail is not planning to file an Errata to our Volume 1 documents. Otter Tail has filed this letter to make the Commission and interested stakeholders aware of the issue and we apologize for any confusion.

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Copies have been sent via USPS.

Please contact me at (218) 739-8395, or <u>jfyhrie@otpco.com</u> should you have any questions with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Kim Ward certifies that on the 6^{th} day of February, 2024, she served a true and correct copy of the attached LETTER by email addressed to the following individuals:

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