

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-23-342

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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 **30th day of April 2024**, 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:

- **Notice of Public Input Sessions and Public Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Lauren Donofrio
Senior Associate General Counsel – Regulatory
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 0129 6577 31

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Manage Regulatory Proceedings
Otter Tail Power Company
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Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **30th day of April 2024**, she sent an electronic message to **one** address, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

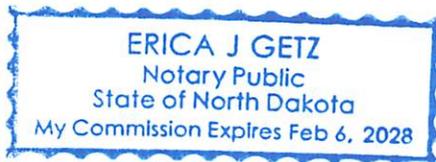
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

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 **30th day of April 2024**.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erica J Getz".

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

On November 2, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed a Notice for Change in Rates for Electric Service under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05 and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-02-01. OTP proposes a \$17.36 million or 8.43% increase in its annual North Dakota electric revenues. The proposed rates would affect OTP's service to all of its retail electric customers in North Dakota. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on December 13, 2023.

Public Input Sessions will be held **June 20, 2024, at 12:00 pm Central Time** and **June 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm Central Time** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

A **Public Hearing** is scheduled to begin **July 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. What is the value of OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is OTP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are OTP's rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without undue discrimination?

The public is encouraged to view the Public Input Sessions electronically via <https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php> or listen telephonically via 1-888-585-9008

with room code 671-872-185. The public is also invited to appear and participate in the Public Input Sessions at the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The Commission will receive public input through the following methods:

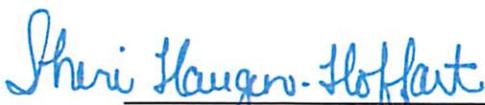
- **In-person**
- **Virtually/Video Conference** – The public may provide input via video conference at the following link during the public input sessions. <https://meet.goto.com/506590997>
- **Written** – Written public input may be submitted through email via ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to: Executive Secretary, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
- **Telephonic** – The public may provide input over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. On June 20, 2024, the Commission will call you back during the designated public input session.

Petitions to Intervene are governed by North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-02-05. However, the Commission encourages anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervener status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a Petition to Intervene **by May 20, 2024**. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in the Public Input Sessions.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: April 29, 2024

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner