

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

**Otter Tail Power Company  
Meter Testing Rule Waiver Extension  
Approval**

**Case No. PU-25-266**

**ORDER**

**January 7, 2026**

**Preliminary Statement**

On September 30, 2025, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed an application for an extension to the waiver granted in Case No. PU-21-416 pursuant to the terms of North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Section 69-09-02-28(3), Meter records. The extension would continue the suspension of the existing meter testing plan and associated annual reports through 2026, to resume in 2027. The original waiver granted a suspension from 2022 through 2025.

On October 23, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until December 5, 2025, to receive comments or request for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

The Notice stated that the issue to be considered in this proceeding is whether it is appropriate to grant an extension to the waiver of the Commission's rules under NDAC Section 69-09-02-28(3).

The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

On December 17, 2025, the Commission discussed this matter with OTP during an informal hearing.

**Discussion**

OTP's application for an extension to its meter testing waiver asserts that its meter replacement project was delayed by 18 months and therefore was only fully completed in December of 2025. This results in 99.5% of OTP customers having brand new meters that underwent accuracy testing at both the supplier and by sampling by OTP prior to installation.

OTP's application seeks approval to extend the originally granted extension through calendar year 2026, and normal testing would resume beginning in 2027. OTP

committed to conducting meter testing resulting from customer requests, anomalies identified from meter readings and large energy users that have a higher exposure to potential inaccuracy.

Having considered the matter, the Commission finds the extension is warranted and would avoid unnecessary meter testing and resulting customer impacts and should be approved.

**Order**

The Commission Orders OTP's application for an extension to NDAC Section 69-09-02-28(3) through calendar year 2026 is APPROVED.

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