

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Meter Testing Rule Waiver Extension  
Approval

Case No. PU-25-266

**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 **8th day of January 2026**, 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:

Annalise Smith  
Supervisor, Load Re & Cust Data  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
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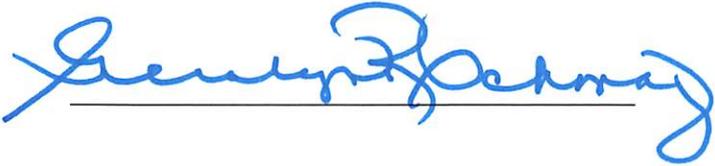
**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **8th day of January 2026**, she sent an electronic message to **one** address, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

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 address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **8th day of January 2026**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Schreyer", written over a horizontal line.



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

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**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

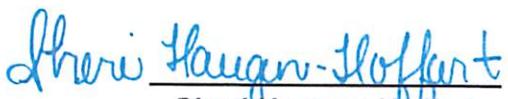
committed to conducting meter testing resulting from customer requests, anomalies identified from meter readings and large energy users that have a higher exposure to potential inaccuracy.

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.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

 _____ Sheri Haugen-Hoffart Commissioner	 _____ Randy Christmann Chair	 _____ Jill Kringstad Commissioner
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