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November 7, 2025

Mr. Steve Kahl
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Application for Approval
of Administrative Tariff Changes in Rate Schedules 11.07
Case No. PU-25-
Initial Filing**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Otter Tail Power Company hereby submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission its Application for approval of administrative tariff changes.

An original and copies have been sent to you via USPS.

Please contact me at (218) 739-8652 or byougang@otpc.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ *BLANCHE YOUNGANG*
Blanche Yougang
Pricing Analyst
Regulatory Economics

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Enclosures
By electronic filing and U.S. mail

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

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Application for Approval
of the Annual Update to LED
Street and Area Lighting
Charge, Rate Schedule 11.07**

**Case No. PU-25-
APPLICATION**

I. APPLICATION SUMMARY

Otter Tail Power Company submits the following proposed amendments to the North Dakota Electric Rate Schedule, Section 11.07, to reflect current field practices, material cost trends, and provide transparent pricing to the customers. The proposed changes are stated below:

- The addition of a new rate for the Double Davit Standard 40' aluminum alloy pole for all Standards.
- A clarification of billing practices for non-standard custom aluminum alloy pole lengths.

II. INTRODUCTION

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail Power or the Company) hereby files with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) proposed changes to the LED Street and Area Lighting Rate Schedule, Section 11.07. This filing proposes revisions to the aluminum alloy pole section of the LED Street and Area Lighting tariff. The changes are necessary to incorporate a new pole type, the Double Davit Standard 40', into the rate structure and to clarify language to the billing approach for non-standard custom pole lengths.

III. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

Pursuant to § 69-02-02-04 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the following information is provided:

A. Name, address, and telephone number of the utility making the filing

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215 South Cascade Street
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Phone (218) 739-8200

B. Name, address, and telephone number of utility attorney

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Senior Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
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C. Title of utility employee responsible for filing

Blanche Yougang	Amber Grenier
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We request that all communications regarding this proceeding, including data request, also be directed to:

Regulatory Filing Coordinator
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215 South Cascade Street
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Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496
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D. The date of filing and the date changes will take effect

The date of this filing is November 7, 2025. Otter Tail proposes an effective date of December 1, 2025 for the updated rate.

E. Other requirements of North Dakota Rules Part 69-02-02-04

Pursuant to [N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-02-04](#), a certified copy of Otter Tail's articles of incorporation is on file with the Commission in Case No. PU-09-677 and a current certificate of good standing is on file with the Commission in Case No. PU-24-93. The certificate and amendments are hereby incorporated by reference.

F. Customer Notification

Otter Tail Power will include a notice to North Dakota customers in November and December bills of the proposed change to Section 11.07. Attachment 1 is a sample of the notice. Otter Tail Power will also include a bill insert implementation notice to North Dakota customers during the month the changes are implemented following Commission approval. Attachment 2 is a sample of the bill insert implementation notice.

IV. BACKGROUND

In this application, Otter Tail Power is proposing to include a rate for the Double Davit Standard 40' aluminum alloy pole and to add clarifying language that custom pole lengths will be billed at the rate of the next higher standard length noting potential delays on replacements. Otter Tail Power currently offers aluminum alloy poles in standard 30' and 40' lengths, with corresponding additional monthly charges of \$26.61 and \$27.94, respectively. A new Double Davit Standard 40' pole has been added to the Company's inventory to meet specific lighting and structural needs. This pole type incurs higher material and installation costs, requiring a distinct monthly charge of \$42.00.

Additionally, in certain cases, custom aluminum alloy pole lengths are required due to site-specific constraints or supply limitations. When such custom lengths are determined by Otter Tail Power to be the only viable option, the monthly charge will align with the closest standard length that exceeds the custom length. It is also noted that spare or replacement custom-length poles are not carried in inventory, and replacements may be delayed by up to 12 months due to procurement lead times.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Otter Tail Power respectfully requests approval of the modifications to Section 11.07 as outlined above and that they become effective as of December 1, 2025, or on the first day of the following month upon Commission approval.

Date: November 7, 2025

Respectfully submitted:

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

By: /s/ BLANCHE YOUNGANG

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Attachment 1
Customer Notice – Bill Message

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On November 7, 2025, we filed a request with the North Dakota Public Service Commission to update our LED Street and Area Lighting Rate. The update would apply to Section 11.07 and would add a new pole type – the Double Davit Standard 40' - to the rate structure beginning December 1, 2025.

This change is proposed only and, if suspended by the Commission, won't go into effect until the Commission acts.

For more information, contact us at 800-257-4044 or visit otpc.com.

Customer Implementation Notice

The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved an update to our LED Street and Area Lighting Rate Schedule, Section 11.07 to incorporate a new pole type, the Double Davit Standard 40', at a monthly charge of \$42.00. In addition, we also clarified billing practices for custom aluminum alloy pole lengths that differ from 30' and 40' options. These changes become effective December 1, 2025.

For more information, contact us at 800-257-4044 or visit otpc.com.

Attachment 3
Legislative and Non-Legislative Versions of
Redline and Clean Versions of Updated Electric Rate Schedules
North Dakota Section 11.07 – LED Street and Area Lighting



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LED STREET and AREA LIGHTING – DUSK TO DAWN

DESCRIPTION	RATE CODE
LED Type 1 Outdoor Lighting	N730
LED Type 2 Primary Outdoor Lighting	N731

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Terms and conditions of this electric rate schedule and the General Rules and Regulations govern use of this service.

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE: This schedule is applicable to any Customer for automatically operated dusk to dawn outdoor lighting supplied and operated by the Company. All Customers take service on LED Type 1 except for those defined as LED Type 2.

RATE:

LED TYPE 1	Approximate Lumens	Approximate Wattage	Monthly Charge	LED TYPE 2	Monthly Charge
LED5	5,175	47	\$9.31	PLED5	\$8.70
LED8	9,003	76	\$17.37	PLED8	\$16.37
LED3PT	2,759	26	\$12.53	PLED3PT	\$12.19
LED5PT	5,404	47	\$15.96	PLED5PT	\$15.34
LED10	12,388	95	\$19.66	PLED10	\$18.41
LED13	16,691	133	\$25.86	PLED13	\$24.10
LED20 - Flood	23,067	199	\$23.75	PLED20 - Flood	\$21.14
LED30 - Flood	32,003	261	\$38.75	PLED30 - Flood	\$35.30

ALUMINUM ALLOY POLES	Additional Monthly Charge
STANDARDS 30' <u>(and below)</u>	\$26.61
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<u>DOUBLE DAVIT STANDARD 40'</u>	<u>\$42.00</u>

Appropriate standard wood pole is included in the Monthly Charge. If a customer chooses an alloy pole, the prices are listed below. If custom aluminum alloy standard lengths other than 30' and 40' are determined by Otter Tail Power Company to be the only available option for installation, the additional monthly charge will correspond to the closest standard length that exceeds the custom length. Spare or replacement custom-length aluminum alloy standards are not maintained in inventory. As a result, the replacement of such standards may be subject to lead times of up to 12 months.

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION
Case No. PU-25-3-342

Approved by order dated ~~December 30, 2024~~

EFFECTIVE with bills rendered on
and after ~~March 15, 2025~~, in North Dakota

APPROVED: Stuart D. Tommerdahl
Manager, Regulation & Retail Energy Solutions



Fergus Falls, Minnesota

LED FLOOD VISOR	Additional Monthly Charge
Lighting Visor LED 20-Flood	\$0.95
Lighting Visor LED 30-Flood	\$1.73

DECORATIVE LIGHTS	Approximate Lumens	Approximate Wattage	Monthly Charge
DLEDA7 (Arlington)	5837	66	\$109.84
DLEDG7 (Granville)	7440	68	\$107.76
DLEDE17 (Esplanade)	20000	170	\$138.36

MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY RIDERS: The amount of a bill for service will be modified by any Mandatory Rate Riders that must apply and by any Voluntary Rate Riders selected by the Customer, unless otherwise noted in this rate schedule. See Sections 12.00, 13.00 and 14.00 of the North Dakota electric rates for the matrices of riders.

TYPE 2 (PRIMARY METERING) MONTHLY CHARGE: This rate is applicable under the following conditions: 1) the customer is metered at primary voltage, and 2) taking service under this rate, and 3) the lights on this rate are metered at primary voltage.

SEASONAL CUSTOMERS: Seasonal Customers will be billed at the same rate as year-around Customers, except as follows:

A fixed charge of \$41.04 will be billed each Seasonal Customer once per season per fixture in addition to the rate provided above. The fixed charge will be included in the first bill rendered for each season.

Each Seasonal Customer will be billed for the number of months each season that the outdoor lighting fixture is in use, but not less than a minimum of four months, plus the seasonal fixed charge.

Seasonal rate is not offered for the Decorative LED.



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UNDERGROUND SERVICE SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY: If the Customer requests underground service to an outdoor lighting unit, excluding Post Top, Aluminum Alloy Post and Decorative Lighting the Company will supply up to 200 feet of wire and add an additional \$3.08 to the monthly rate specified above. If overhead service is not available, there is no additional charge. There is no additional charge, up to 200 feet, for LED5PT or LED3PT fixtures, or fixtures mounted on Aluminum Alloy Standards.

For any new installation, requiring an underground conductor extended over 200 feet per fixture, the customer will be charged a monthly rate of \$0.14 per foot. If there are multiple fixtures installed any additionally installed length of conductor shall be combined in one monthly charge.

EQUIPMENT AND OVERHEAD SERVICE SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY: The light shall be mounted on a suitable new or existing Company-owned pole. Any extension beyond an average installation length of 150 feet of wire will be at the expense of the Customer.

The Company will install, own and operate, and have discretion to replace or upgrade an LED light including suitable reflector or a flood light including a lamp, or a bracket for mounting on wood poles with overhead wiring and photo-electric or other device to control operating hours. Customers provided with pole top fixtures on fiberglass poles and fixtures mounted on Aluminum Alloy Standards will not receive overhead power supply. The light shall operate from dusk to dawn. The Company will supply the necessary electricity and maintenance for the unit.

SERVICE CONDITIONS: Lighting will not be mounted on Customer-owned property. The light shall be mounted upon a suitable new or existing Company-owned facility. The Company shall own, operate, and maintain the lighting unit including the pole, fixture, lamp, photoelectric control, mounting brackets, fixture arrester, LED driver and all necessary wiring using the Company's standard street lighting equipment as described herein. The Company shall furnish all electric Energy required for operation of the unit. In cases of vandalism or damages, the Company has the discretion to discontinue service and remove Company equipment.

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION
Case No. PU-25-176
Approved by order dated May 5, 2021

EFFECTIVE with bills rendered on
and after June 1, 2021, in North Dakota

APPROVED: ~~Stuart D. Tommerdahl~~~~Bruce G. Gerhardson~~
~~Manager~~~~Vice President~~, Regulatory Affairs
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