

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 25, 2018

### In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in Minnesota

**PUC Docket Number(s):** E-017/GR-15-1033

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes May 25, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes June 25, 2018 at 4:30pm

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**Issue:** What action, if any, should the Commission take regarding possible implementation of a decoupling mechanism for Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail, OTP)?

#### **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Does Otter Tail's March 30, 2018 Decoupling Report comply with the Commission's May 1, 2017 Order?
- Has Otter Tail's Decoupling Report provided enough historical analysis to assess ratepayer impact had decoupling been in place?
- Should the Commission order implementation of a decoupling pilot for Otter Tail?
- If the Commission orders implementation, what type of decoupling pilot should be implemented, what customer classes should be included and when should decoupling go into effect?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On May 1, 2017, the Commission's issued its Final Order (Order) in this docket. The Order instructed Otter Tail to prepare a report by April 1, 2018 analyzing the potential customer impacts of Fresh Energy's proposed revenue-decoupling mechanism for the Residential, Farm, and Small General Service rate classes.

The report was to include a comparison of actual 2016 and 2017 revenues to 2016 Test Year baseline revenues (with baseline revenue per customer calculated using the final rates, sales, and customer counts of this rate case).

The report was also to include a comparison of actual 2014 and 2015 revenues to 2009 baseline revenues (baseline revenue per customer calculated using the final rates, sales, and customer counts from Otter Tail's 2010 rate case).

On March 30, 2018, Otter Tail filed its Decoupling Report.

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