

February 5, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 300
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RE: **Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources
(the Department) on Otter Tail Power Company's *Supplemental Filing***
Docket No. E017/M-14-375

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On February 3, 2015, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP or the Company) made its *Supplemental Filing* in the above-referenced docket. As explained therein, due to various delays, only four months remain in OTP's cost recovery period for its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider in Docket No. E017/M-14-375. Moreover, this four-month recovery period results in very high TCR rate factors. As a result, OTP proposes to extend its cost recovery period from four months to nine months (through December 2015), thereby reducing its proposed TCR rate factors.

The Department discussed OTP's proposal with Company staff. Based on our discussions, the Department supports OTP's proposal to extend its cost recovery period. The Department also reviewed OTP's revised TCR rate factors as shown in its *Supplemental Filing*. As a result, the Department recommends that the Commission approve OTP's revised TCR rate factors as shown in the table on Page 3, Column D of OTP's *Supplemental Filing*.

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARK JOHNSON
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Comments**

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Dated this 5th day of February 2015

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