



NEW/REVISED DECISION OPTIONS
Proposed by Commission Staff
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ANALYST	Austin Li
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TITLE	Staff Revised Decision Options
ATTACHMENT	No
SUBJECT	In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2023 Integrated Distribution Plan

Staff offers the following new and revised decision options:

Decision Option 6 is updated to reflect the Department's opposition as stated in its January 23, 2026 Letter.

In response to the Department's January 23, 2026 letter discussing Decision Option 6, Staff recommends adding clarifying language to Decision Option 8 that recognizes the Department's authority over ECO program approval.

Staff also offers a new Decision Option 15 a-d to add reporting requirements to Otter Tail Power's existing Annual EV report. Decision option 15 d is offered as an alternative to Decision Option 7, which would require Otter Tail to update the Commission on opt-out capabilities that may become feasible with the installation of its new Advanced Load Management system.

Staff notes that the Commission may choose to take no action on Decision Options 9 through 14 and, as noted by Staff, encourage the Clean Energy Groups and the Department to file the recommendations as part of their TEP comments.

Staff recommends adopting Decision Options 1-5, Staff 8, and new Staff 15a-d.

DECISION OPTIONS

Project Approval

1. Approve Otter Tail's proposed EV credit program. (Otter Tail, Department)

Rate Schedule

2. Approve Otter Tail's proposed updates to the MN Index Rate Schedule. (Otter Tail, Department)

AND

3. Approve Otter Tail's proposed updates to MN 13.00 Mandatory Riders – Applicability Matrix Rate Schedule. (Otter Tail, Department)

AND

4. Approve Otter Tail's proposed updates to MN 14.00 Voluntary Riders – Availability Matrix Rate Schedule. (Otter Tail, Department)

AND

5. Approve Otter Tail's proposed Electrical Vehicle Credit Rider Section 14.05 Rate Schedule. (Otter Tail, Department)

Cost Recovery

6. Authorize Otter Tail to seek recovery of future prudent costs of the EV credit program through the Company's ECO Program and the associated ECO rider. (Otter Tail, ~~Department~~ *Department opposes per January 23 letter*)

Opt-Out Capability

7. Require that Otter Tail further investigate the feasibility of adding an opt-out capability to its rate design in the future and that Otter Tail provide additional detail on its "system limitations" and within a timeline set by the Executive Secretary for when opt-out capability could be implemented. (Department with staff modification)

Additional EV Credit Program Modifications

8. Require that Otter Tail expand eligibility for Level 2 EV Charger rebates to EV credit program customers. (Clean Energy Groups, Otter Tail with staff modification)

Staff Revised 8: Require that Otter Tail seek approval from the Department of Commerce to expand eligibility for its existing Level 2 EV Charger rebates in its ECO portfolio to EV credit program customers. (*Staff modification in response to the Department's Jan 23 letter*)

Modifications: TOU Rate

9. Require that Otter Tail offer access to the EV credit program to customers on its whole-home TOU rate pilot within a timeline set by the Executive Secretary. (Clean Energy Groups with staff modification)

OR

10. Direct Otter Tail to work with the CEG and Department on exploring the viability of offering the Residential TOU Pilot to prospective EV credit program customers within a timeline set by the Executive Secretary. (staff alternative to Decision Option 9)

Modifications: Advertising and Outreach

11. Require that Otter Tail identify current EV owners who are not on a managed charging rate and advertise the potential benefits to encourage EV credit program uptake within a timeline set by the Executive Secretary. (Clean Energy Groups, Department with staff modification)

OR

12. Direct Otter Tail to work with the CEG and Department on additional advertising options, and report back to the Commission within a timeline to be determined by the Executive Secretary. (staff alternative to Decision Option 11)

Modifications: Multifamily Settings

13. Require that Otter Tail explore if the technology deployed in this EV credit program could be harnessed in multifamily settings within a timeline set by the Executive Secretary. (Clean Energy Groups with staff modification)

OR

14. Defer a decision pending further discussion in Otter Tail's TEP, Docket E017/M-25-141. (staff alternative to Decision Option 13)

Reporting

- Staff New 15.** Require Otter Tail Power to include the following information in its Annual Electric Vehicle report filed on June 1 annually, starting with the June 1, 2027 report:
- a. The number of customers enrolled in the rate in each month of the reporting year.
 - b. The total number and average duration of control events during each month of the reporting year.
 - c. A discussion of whether there were any issues that the Company or its customers experience during control events.
 - d. An update on the Company's ability to allow customers to opt out of individual load control events.