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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**RE: Request for Waiver of Thirty Days' Notice to Public for Contract with Deviation Tariff Change as part of Joint Motion to Approve Contract with Deviations to Dismiss Consumer Complaint
Docket No. CE15-001**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In Otter Tail Power Company's ("Otter Tail" or the "Company") Transmittal Letter in the above-entitled matter requested that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approve a proposed contract with deviations and related tariff change listing the contract on less than thirty days' notice. By this letter Otter Tail provides a revised tariff sheet in conformity with ARSD 20:10:13:21, and requests a waiver from requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:15 and 20:10:13:17.

By way of background, Otter Tail and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. ("Valley Queen") have reached a Settlement Agreement resolving Valley Queen's Consumer Complaint and the Federal Lawsuit referenced in Otter Tail's Transmittal Letter. A part of the settlement calls for a change in the Valley Queen's Customer Baseline Load under Otter Tail's Real Time Pricing Rider, which is subject to Commission approval.

Otter Tail requests that the contract with deviations and related tariff listing the contract be effective May 1, 2016. Otter Tail requests waiver of the 30 day notice requirement for the following reasons:

1. Waiver of the 30 day notice requirement is beneficial to Valley Queen as it will allow Valley Queen to operate under the new Customer Baseline Load effective May 1, 2016, which is consistent with the spirit of the Settlement Agreement.
2. Waiver of the 30 day notice requirement will allow for earlier dismissal of the Federal Lawsuit, saving the parties litigation expenses.
3. Waiver of the requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:15 and ARSD 20:10:13:17 will not prejudice other customers or the public. Only Valley Queen is affected by the contract

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with deviations and corresponding tariff revision. In addition the majority of the information provided in support of proposed contract with deviations is subject to a confidential treatment request and is not available to the public. Consequently additional notice will not improve public awareness.

4. Waiver of the requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:15 and ARSD 20:10:13:17, resulting in a May 1, 2016 effective date for the contract with deviations and revised tariff sheet listing the contract will more readily conform to the programming of Otter Tail's billing system than a mid-month effective date.

As noted in Otter Tail's Transmittal Letter, it does not seek a change to a tariff rate. Instead the Settlement Agreement concerns changes to the Customer Baseline Load applicable to Valley Queen under the Real Time Pricing Rider.

Also attached to this letter is a Report of Tariff Schedule Change which cross references the revenue impact of the proposed contract with deviations.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8956 or cstephenson@otpc.com.

Sincerely yours,

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