



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
**For the Period of May 27, 2004 through June 2, 2004**

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**ELECTRIC**

**EL04-020      In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

On June 1, 2004, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) filed updated cogeneration rates for Commission approval. Montana-Dakota is requesting approval to revise its Occasional Power Purchase Non-Time Differentiated Rate 95, Short-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 96 and Long-Term Power Purchase Differentiated Rate 97. The filing is made in compliance with Commission Order F-3365 and in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions of these tariffs.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris/Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/01/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

**EL04-021      In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

Application by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval to revise its tariffed Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The existing contract with the Village of Marvin will expire on July 2, 2004. Otter Tail states the new agreement does not contain any deviations from Otter Tail's currently filed tariff and therefore requests that reference to a contract with the Village of Marvin be removed from the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/01/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

**NATURAL GAS**

**NG04-003      In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for approval of revised interruptible gas tariffs. MidAmerican's Small Volume Interruptible and Large Volume Interruptible natural gas sales tariffs currently contain language which would have them expire on June 26, 2004. This expiration was the result of the Commission's Order in Docket NG02-003 which directed MidAmerican to file a plan with the Commission to phase out interruptible natural gas tariffs within a two year time period. Coincident with the proposed tariff revisions, MidAmerican is filing a 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan which is proposed to address the Commission's concerns in Docket NG02-003. In the Gas Rate Plan, MidAmerican proposes to retain interruptible rates but to change the methodology used in its determination so as to increase these rates. MidAmerican's Plan also proposes to add new optional rates for customers,

including those who may wish to switch rates as a result of the increase to interruptible rates. The new Gas Rate Plan is proposed to become effective 60 days after the effective date of tariffs approved in MidAmerican's current rate increase proceeding NG04-001. The interruptible rate changes which are the subject of this notice would replace the current tariff expiration date of June 26, 2004, with the proposed effective date of the 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan as described above. MidAmerican has requested that these tariff revisions be approved with less than 30 days notice.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/01/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**TC04-097 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates for PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc.**

On May 28, 2004, PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc., Irene, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study pursuant to the rules established by the Commission.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer  
Date Filed: 05/28/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

**TC04-098 In the Matter of the Filing by Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance for an Amended Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

On June 1, 2004, Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance (SBLD) submitted a request for an amended Certificate of Authority. The original Certificate of Authority restricted SBLD from collecting deposits, advance payments, or offering prepaid calling cards. SBLD has submitted a surety bond in lieu of the restrictions and would like the Certificate of Authority amended to reflect the change.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 06/01/04  
Intervention Deadline: 06/18/04

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Via Regular Mail

May 26, 2004



Pamela Bonrud, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Street  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota Part 20:10:13:03, enclosed for filing please find ten (10) copies of Municipal Service Agreements for the Village of Marvin, SD and Otter Tail Power Company's Summary List of Contracts with Deviations Sheet No. 2. The Municipal Service Agreement for the Village of Marvin, SD was updated because the old contract will expire on July 2, 2004. The new agreement does not contain any rates, terms and or conditions that would be considered a deviation from Otter Tail Power Company's tariff. Therefore Otter Tail Power Company respectfully requests that the Village of Marvin be removed from Otter Tail Power Company's Summary List of Contracts with Deviations.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Spangler Jr.".

Ron Spangler Jr.  
Supervisor, Revenue Requirements  
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Enclosures

Cc: Bernadeen Brutlag, Manager, Regulatory Services  
Bruce Gerhardson, Associate General Counsel

SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS WITH DEVIATIONS

<u>CUSTOMER</u>	<u>CLASS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EXECUTION AND EXPIRATION DATES</u>	<u>NON-STANDARD RATES</u>
City of Gary Gary	Street Light	12/9/2000 12/9/2010	Municipal Ownership: \$6.25 per month for HPS9 fixtures. Contract period of 10 years.
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Town of LaBolt Labolt	Street Light	2/7/2003 2/7/2013	Contract period of 10 years.

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9. Fixtures installed after the date of this agreement shall be billed at the schedule of rates in effect at the time of installation and/or such superseding amendments or changes as are approved by the South Dakota Utilities Commission during the terms of this agreement.

**MUNICIPAL PUMPING**

10. Otter Tail Power agrees to furnish electric power and energy to operate the pumps for the Municipality's present water supply system and present sewage system, and such additions to these systems as may be mutually agreed upon, in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in this agreement.
11. Electric energy used for lighting, heating, power tools, and other uses necessary for the normal operation of these systems, on approval of Otter Tail Power, may be included. Otter Tail Power shall supply any necessary meters. The Municipality agrees to provide a suitable location for meters to be installed on its premises.
12. The Municipality will pay for all electric energy used for municipal pumping and incidental uses as described in Paragraphs 10 and 11 above, in accordance with the provisions and changes contained in the applicable rate schedule in effect at the execution of this agreement and/or such superseding amendments or changes as are approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission during the terms of this agreement.

**FIRE SIRENS**

13. The Municipality operates fire/warning sirens as listed below:

Location	Metered		Horsepower	Account Number	Billing Amount
	Yes	No			

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

14. Otter Tail Power shall use due diligence and care in maintaining service, but shall not be liable for loss or damage arising from failure, either partial or total, of the service from any cause, but this shall not be construed to exempt Otter Tail Power from liability for negligence.
15. In case a meter fails to properly record the energy used, an equitable estimate will be made for the energy used during the period in question and shall be based on the best information available.
16. All previous agreements, if any, between the parties hereto, covering the subject matter hereof, are hereby cancelled and terminated as of the effective date specified in Paragraph 2 of this agreement, except as specifically provided in this agreement.

17. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their proper officers thereunto duly authorized, and the same shall be equally binding to the respective parties and each of their successors and assigns.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY,  
a division of Otter Tail Corporation

In the presence of:

*Scott J. Wise*

By *[Signature]*

Title *VP/Cont. Sec*

MUNICIPALITY

In the presence of:

CITY OF *Marion*

By *Colleen Cordell*  
Mayor

(Municipal Seal)

(For Company use only)	Date	By
Entered to Billing Record		

**Jacobson, David**

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Dave,

Lets try this one. Please let me know if the file does not come through.

Sorry for the confusion.

**Ron Spangler Jr.**

Supervisor, Revenue Requirements

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Spangler, Ron

**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2004 9:13 AM

**To:** 'David.Jacobson@state.sd.us'

**Subject:** RE: EL04-014 Lake Norden contract with dev.

Dave,

Thank you for catching the errors on sheet number 2 that I filed. I have made the necessary adjustments as you pointed out and I also made an adjustment to sheet number 2 for the Village of Marvin filing. In that filing I carried the revision numbering forward from the City of Lake Norden filing. Please let me know if there is anything else that you need.



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*See attached corrected tariff sheet.*

**Ron Spangler Jr.**

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** David.Jacobson@state.sd.us [mailto:David.Jacobson@state.sd.us]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2004 11:29 AM

**To:** Spangler, Ron

**Subject:** EL04-014 Lake Norden contract with dev.

Ron:

This docket has been placed on the June 8, 2004, Commission meeting agenda. The only item that needs attention at this point is the numeration of the tariff sheet submitted. The correct notation on the tariff sheet for this filing should be

"Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling Eleventh Rev. Sheet No. 2, and the docket number in the lower right corner of the sheet should be EL04-014. The effective date will be June 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Commission.

Dave Jacobson

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July 19, 2004

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**RE: SD PUC Docket EL04-021 In the Matter of the filing by Otter Tail  
Power Company for approval of tariff revisions**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Enclosed you will find an approved copy of Otter Tail Power Company's Summary of Contracts with Deviations Sheet No. 2. The Summary of Contracts with Deviations Sheet No. 2 has an approval date of July 15, 2004 and an effective date of July 2, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 218-739-8838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Spangler Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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