

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Analyst: SDPUC Staff

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Information Request:

01-07. When does OTP estimate a resolution to the ongoing MISO/SPP seams issues?

Attachments: 0

Response:

As mentioned in response to SD-PUC-01-05(c) of this Docket, Otter Tail has filed a motion to intervene and protest in SPP's filing to FERC (FERC Docket No. ER16-209-000) to revise SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff to add an Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement for transmission service using the facilities of CPEC when CPEC transfers functional control of its transmission facilities to SPP on January 1, 2016. Otter Tail is expecting a FERC ruling in this docket around the end of December 2015. Otter Tail anticipates that the FERC ruling will set the matter for hearing/settlement and provide guidance to resolve the ongoing MISO/SPP seams issues raised by Otter Tail. If FERC sets the matter for settlement, Otter Tail estimates that resolution of these seams issues may not occur until the summer or fall of 2016. In the meantime, Otter Tail expects to incur SPP transmission service charges that Otter Tail has requested FERC make subject to refund depending on the outcome of FERC Docket No. ER16-209. If settlement cannot be reached, it is possible that Otter Tail would have to litigate the matter, which could extend the anticipated timeline of resolution until mid-2017.