BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY REGARDING ITS 2011 REPORT AND 2012 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN UPDATE	)))))	**ORDER APPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2011 REPORT AND 2012 UPDATE** **EL12-034**

On April 30, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval of the Financial Incentive for its 2011 Energy Efficiency Partnership (EEP) Program and approval to increase the Energy Adjustment Rider as part of its 2012 EEP plan update. On May 3, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 18, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-8.2.

At the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2012, Commission Staff recommended approval of the 2011 Status Report and Financial Incentive and 2012 EEP plan, including an increase in the Energy Adjustment Rider. Finding that Otter Tail's request for approval of its for its 2011 Financial Incentive, 2012 EEP update, and increase in the 2012 EEP Energy Adjustment Rider is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2011 EEP Status Report and 2011 Financial Incentive are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that Otter Tail's 2012 EEP plan update and increase in 2012 Energy Adjustment Rider and associated tariff changes are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of June, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By: Joy Dunn

Date: 6.26.12

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner