

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street Docket No. E-017/M-96-1271  
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In the Matter of a Petition by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement with American Crystal Sugar Company

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

**The electric service agreement between Otter Tail Power Company and American Crystal Sugar Company is approved, as clarified in the parties' January 21, 1997 agreement, subject to the following conditions:**

**(a) the agreement is subject to any future determination by the Commission or the Legislature on the definition or measurement of stranded costs;**

**(b) Otter Tail shall file all future agreements under Real Time Pricing tariff rider and amendments to such agreements for Commission approval, unless the company develops a standard contract which is approved by the Commission, in which case individual contracts shall be filed for informational purposes only;**

**(c) In this and all future cases Otter Tail shall serve on all potential Real Time Pricing rider customers copies of all Real Time Rider negotiated contract**

**provisions which differ from standard contract provisions or standard tariff provisions;**

**(d) Commission staff shall facilitate informal discussions between the parties on strategies for balancing competing interests in preventing rate discrimination, permitting utilities and business customers to negotiate and implement creative service agreements under acceptable business time**

**lines, and ensuring adequate regulatory oversight.**

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Public Service, which are attached, as modified by the parties' agreement, also attached, both of which are incorporated in this Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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