

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON OTTER TAIL POWER'S  
2019 INTEGRATED DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

Issued: November 19, 2019

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power's 2019 Integrated Distribution System Plan**

**PUC Docket Number(s): E-017/M-19-693, E-017/CI-18-253**

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes January 22, 2020 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes February 12, 2020 at 4:30pm

*Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.*

**Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission accept or reject Otter Tail Power's Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP)?
- Does the IDP filed by Otter Tail Power achieve the planning objectives outlined in the filing requirements approved in the Commission's February 20, 2019 Order?
- What IDP filing requirements provide the most value to the process and why?
- Are there filing requirements that are not informative and/or should be deleted or modified, and why?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On November 1, 2019, Otter Tail Power filed the Company's inaugural Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) in response to filing requirements established by the Commission's February 20, 2019 Order Adopting Integrated Distribution Plan Filing Requirements in Docket No. E-017/CI-18-253.

The purpose of the Commission's IDP filing requirements is to facilitate a utility's IDP filing that will:

- Maintain and enhance the safety, security, reliability, and resilience of the electricity grid, at fair and reasonable costs, consistent with the state's energy policies;
- Enable greater customer engagement, empowerment, and options for energy services;
- Move toward the creation of efficient, cost-effective, accessible grid platforms for new products, new services, and opportunities for adoption of new distributed technologies;
- Ensure optimized utilization of electricity grid assets and resources to minimize total system costs; and

- Provide the Commission with the information necessary to understand the utility's short-term and long-term distribution-system plans, the costs and benefits of specific investments, and a comprehensive analysis of ratepayer cost and value.

**Filing Requirements:** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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