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**PSC Schedules Public Input Sessions for Proposed Otter Tail Electric Rate Increase**  
*Web Conferencing Allows Citizens to Participate from Home*

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public input sessions on April 3 and 5 regarding a request from Otter Tail Power Company to increase its rates for electric service, and for the first time will offer the opportunity to participate from home using web conferencing.

Public input sessions will be held on two separate days. The first session will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 5 p.m. central time via interactive television from locations across the state.

The second session will be held on Thursday, April 5, at noon central time using a web conferencing system. The system will allow anyone interested in participating to join from anywhere they have a computer with a camera and internet access. There will also be an option to join by telephone.

The proposed increase is for \$13.14 million annually over current rates, or an 8.7 percent overall increase. If approved, rates would increase for residential customers by an average of about \$11.50 a month and a typical business customer's bill would increase by approximately \$22 a month.

During the sessions officials from Otter Tail will provide a presentation and give those attending a chance to ask questions about the proposal. Public input sessions are not considered part of the formal technical hearing, but the PSC Commissioners will be attending and using the information gathered at the sessions to identify areas of concern that may require further investigation during the formal technical hearing, which is currently scheduled for July 11.

**Note to the Media: A detailed list of the meeting locations is included on the next page, along with a webpage to find detailed instructions for joining the web conference session.**

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**Public Service Commission – Public Input Sessions  
Otter Tail Electric Rate Increase (Case # PU-17-398)**

**Tuesday, April 3rd – 5 p.m. Central (videoconference sites)**

**Devils Lake:**

Lake Region State College  
Room: Admin 171  
1801 College Drive North  
Devils Lake, ND 58301

**Jamestown:**

James Valley Career and Tech Center  
Room: Classroom A  
910 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Jamestown, ND 58401

**Washburn:**

Washburn High School  
Room: Computer Lab Room 110  
713 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Washburn, ND 58076

**Wahpeton:**

ND State College of Science  
Room: Library 117  
800 6<sup>th</sup> Street N.  
Wahpeton, ND 58076

**Bismarck:**

Public Service Commission  
Commission Hearing Room  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**Bottineau:**

Dakota College at Bottineau  
Room: Nelson Science Center Room 105  
105 Simrall Boulevard  
Bottineau, ND 58318

**Thursday, April 5th – Noon Central (web conference and/or phone)**

- For detailed instructions about joining the web conference, please visit [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov) and under “hot topics” click on the Public Input link.