

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power)
Company's Request for Approval of its)
2012 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery)
Adjustment Factor)
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Case No. PU-11-_____

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

COMES NOW, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") and respectfully moves the Commission for entry of a trade secret protective order under § 69-02-09-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret information as defined by NDCC § 47-25.1-01(4).

1. A general description of the nature of the information sought to be protected.

Cost information contained in the calculation of Revenue Requirements on Otter Tail's share of the Langdon Wind Energy Center, the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center, and the Luverne Wind Energy Center, contained in Attachments 1 through 3 in the above-captioned matter.

2. Explanation of why the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to other persons.

The information could have economic value to potential vendors, contractors, and suppliers who may desire to supply components of similar projects in which Otter Tail may be involved in the future. They could use such information against Otter Tail's interests in the course of submitting proposals.

3. An explanation of why the information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.

The confidentiality of the information has been maintained by Otter Tail. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents of Otter Tail who need to know the information to fulfill their

responsibilities in connection with the project or to third persons pursuant to agreement to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

4. A general description of the persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.

Potential equipment and material vendors, contractors, and other suppliers for similar projects would obtain economic value from disclosure of the costs.

5. A specific description of known competitors and competitors' goods and services that is pertinent to the tariff or rate filing.

See response to No. 4.


6. A description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information.

See response to No. 3.

In accordance with § 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope which is labeled: TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE.

Respectfully submitted December 29, 2011.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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