

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



In the Matter of the Application of )  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., )  
a Division of MDU Resources Group, )  
Inc. for Prudence for the Lewis & Clark ) Case No. PU-13-\_\_\_\_  
Station Filterable Particulate Matter )  
Pollution Controls Project )

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group In., (Montana-Dakota) respectfully requests that the Commission issue a trade secret protective order under N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-04. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secrets as defined by N.D. Cent. Code § 47-25.1-01(4).

The information for which Montana-Dakota seeks trade secret protection are the portions of Exhibit 1 to the Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence filed on June 14, 2013 marked as "Trade Secret":

The above-referenced information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for Montana-Dakota. Vendors and competitors would have an opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information, to the detriment of Montana-Dakota. If publicly available, vendors could use the information to their advantage in competing for project procurement opportunities, while competitors could use the information to leverage their rate positions in the marketplace to Montana-Dakota's detriment.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE.

Respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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