

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
2014 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor  
Tariff**

**Case No. PU-14-14**

**STAFF RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR TRADE  
SECRET PROTECTION**

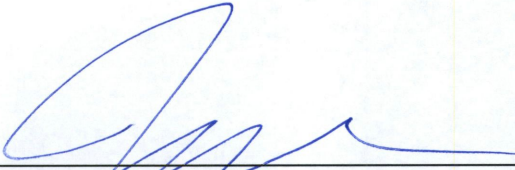
On December 31, 2013, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 for protection from public disclosure as a "Trade secret" as defined by North Dakota Century Code Section 47-25.1-01(4).

The information for which the Company sought protection was 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. While the information sought to be protected may have been considered "trade secret" at the time of the application, there is no current discernable independent economic value that may be ascertained from disclosure. Furthermore, historical information has been made available in subsequent filings by Otter Tail.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Staff has reviewed the request of the Company and finds the issue of "trade secret" protection moot.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that application for trade secret protection be dismissed.

Dated this 23<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.



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