

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-14-14

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **25th day of May 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Staff Response to Request of Otter Tail Power Company for Trade Secret Protection**

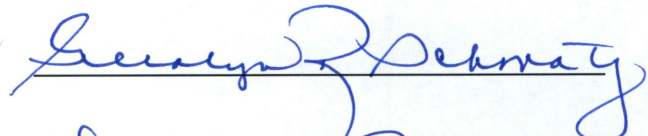
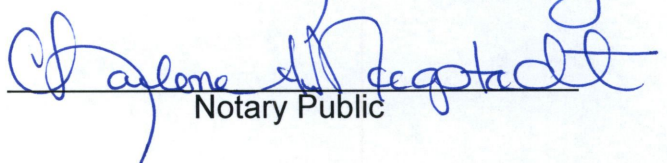
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

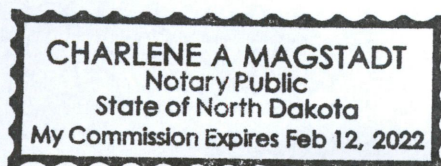
Stuart Tommerdahl
Manager, Regulatory Administration
Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **25th day of May, 2016**.



Notary Public

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

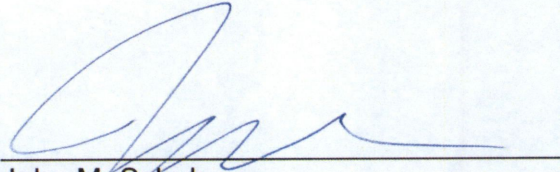
On December 31, 2013, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail), filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 for protection from public disclosure as a "Trade secret" as defined by North Dakota Century Code Section 47-25.1-01(4).

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 23th day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Schuh", is written over a horizontal line.

John M. Schuh
Legal Counsel
North Dakota Public Service Commission