

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Otter Tail Power Company
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Case No. PU-14-503

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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 **22nd day of April, 2016**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing photocopy of:

- **Order on Trade Secret Protection**

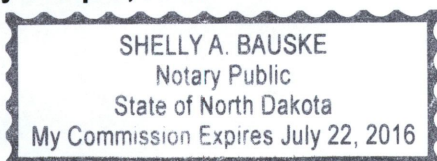
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **22nd day of April, 2016**.

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz

Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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ORDER ON TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

April 20, 2016

On July 30, 2014, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or Company), filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 to protect certain trade secret information from public disclosure.

The information for which Otter Tail seeks protection is the Estimated Avoided Energy Costs provided in the PURPA 210 Biennial Report.

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. Advocacy Staff has reviewed the request.

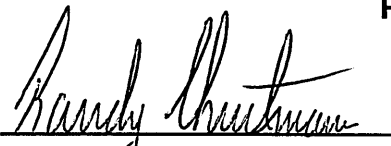
Staff filed its response on April 13, 2016, agreeing that Otter Tail's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for trade secret protection. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

The Commission concludes Otter Tail's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for trade secret protection.

Order

The Commission orders the July 30, 2014 application of Otter Tail Power Company for Trade Secret Protection is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann
Commissioner



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Chairman



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Commissioner