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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a)
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.)
for an Advance Determination of)
Prudence for the Thunder Spirit Wind)
Project)

Case No. PU-14-



In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a)
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity for the Thunder Spirit)
Wind Project)

Case No. PU-14-_____

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 portions of the Application for an Advance Determination of Prudence and Certificate of Public Convenience, portions of the Direct Testimony of Darcy J. Neigum and portions of Exhibit No. ____ (DJN-2) filed on December 22, 2014 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.

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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 22nd day of December 2014.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

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