

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company / Courtenay Wind
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Case No. PU-15-174

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

May 18, 2016

On April 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) 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 the NSP seeks protection includes cost information as well as contract terms regarding the Company's proposal to construct, own and operate the 200 MW Courtenay Project.

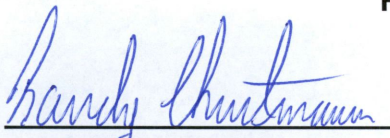
North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Commission Staff has reviewed the request.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the trade secret material has been provided in a sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement. Having reviewed the Company's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

Order

The Commission orders the application of Northern States Power Company for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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