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Otter Tail Power Company  
Integrated Resource Plan  
Information

Case No. PU-16-308

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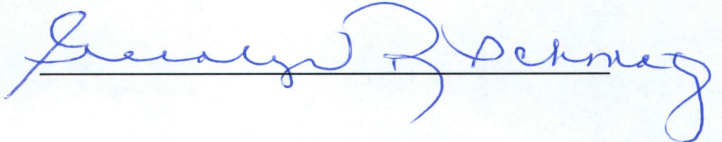
- **STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

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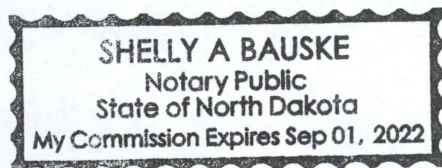
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Re: Otter Tail Power Company  
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Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed is a Staff Response to the 15 June 2016 Application for Protection of Information in the captioned case.

Best regards,

John Schuh  
Legal Counsel

c:w/encl: Bruce Gerhardson

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION** was, on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, served on the following by regular mail:

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Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.



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On 15 June 2016, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) filed an application for a protective order to protect against public disclosure of information that Otter Tail filed with the Commission, qualifying as an exemption to N.D.C.C. section 44-04-18. Otter Tail's application is filed pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code §§ 69-02-09-01 and 69-02-09-04.

The information that the Company requests protection for is confidential portions of its 2017-2031 Resource plan. While not listing the specific portions in the application for protection, the excised portion filed is Electric Utility Information Reported Annually

Staff has reviewed the information and believes that Otter Tail's application satisfies the requirements for protection of information, which is the subject of this request. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Otter Tail to protect certain information filed in this case.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2017.

/s/ John M. Schuh  
John Schuh  
Legal Counsel  
North Dakota Public Service Commission