

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company
Integrated Resource Plan
Information**

Case No. PU-16-308

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

November 3, 2017

On June 15, 2016, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) filed an application for protection of information pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 requesting a protective order limiting disclosure of "Trade Secret" information.

The information for which Otter Tail seeks protection includes confidential resource acquisition information that is included in its 2017-2031 Resource Plan.

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 reviewed Otter Tail's application and the information. On September 15, 2017, Staff filed its response to Otter Tail's application recommending the Commission approve the request.

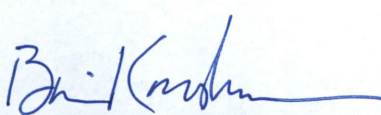
In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the protected material had been provided to the Commission in a sealed envelope labeled PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

Having reviewed the Company's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission concludes that the application for protection of information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

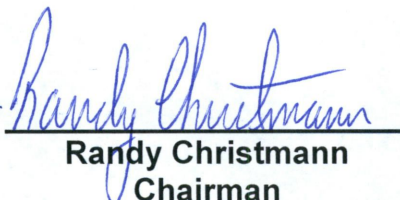
ORDER

The Commission Orders the Otter Tail's June 15, 2016 application for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner**



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