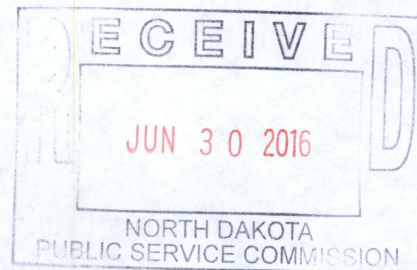


BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



In the Matter of the Application of)
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY'S)
PURPA 210 Biennial Report)

Case No. PU-16-_____

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

COMES NOW, Otter Tail Power Company ("Otter Tail") and respectfully moves the Commission for entry of a trade secret protective order under §69-02-09-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret information as defined by NDCC §47-25.1-01(4).

The specific information which needs protection at this time is the Estimated Avoided Energy Costs provided in the PURPA 210 Biennial Report.

Otter Tail requests that trade secret protection be given to the above information. Such information is not publicly available, and is not only treated as confidential business information, but information which cannot be selectively disclosed without violating the public reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Otter Tail believes that disclosure of the information would be of independent economic value to competitors and would create a competitive disadvantage for Otter Tail if publicly disclosed to others because of the competitive nature of the electric market and the market for electric generating resources. In accordance with §69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope which is labeled **PROTECTED INFORMATION-PRIVATE**.

Respectfully submitted June 30, 2016.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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