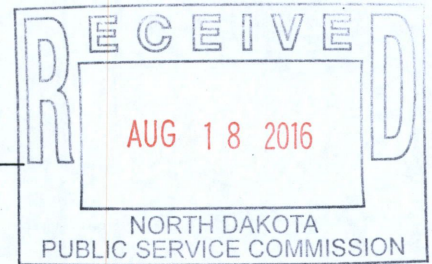


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of GREAT PLAINS)
NATURAL GAS CO., a Division of)
MDU Resources Group, Inc. Request) Case No. PU-16-
for Approval of a Gas Transportation)
Service Agreement with ProGold)
Limited Liability Company)



APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Great Plains Natural Gas Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group In., (Great Plains) respectfully requests that the Commission issue a trade secret protective order under N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-04 and N.D. Cent. Code §44-04-18.4(1 & 2) . 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 the Company seeks trade secret protection is the pricing information reflected in the Transportation Service Agreement with ProGold.

The filing and Exhibit A of the Transportation Service Agreement contain negotiated pricing information relating to ProGold's business in a competitive environment and should not be disclosed or released to the public and that, if the information were released, competitors would be able to benefit from the information to the detriment of the customer.

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.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2016.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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