

**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-16-604
for Approval of a Gas Transportation)
Service Agreement with ProGold)
Limited Liability Company)

AMENDED 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 Inc., ("Company") 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 Company's Application and Exhibit B of Transportation Service Agreement with ProGold Limited Liability Company ("Customer") submitted in Case No. PU-16-604.

- a. The pricing information derives independent economic value from not being generally known to other persons by securing the information from Customer's competitors;
- b. The information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons as the Transportation Service Agreement with Customer will be maintained by the Company on a confidential basis with access available only to limited personnel;
- c. Competitors and suppliers to Customer could obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information;
- d. Customer's competitors and their respective goods and services are not pertinent to the tariff or rate filing included in Company's Application and Exhibit B of the Transportation Service Agreement; and

- e. The Company maintains secrecy of the information for which Trade Secret Protection is sought by limiting access to only personnel necessary to maintain the Transportation Service Agreement and billing of those services.

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 21st day of September, 2016.

GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS CO.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: 
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