

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
Gas Transportation – ProGold  
Service Agreement(s)

Case No. PU-16-604

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Order on Protection of Information**

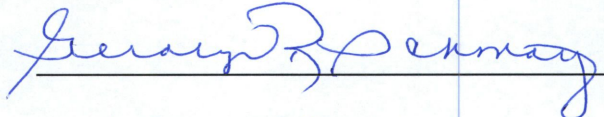
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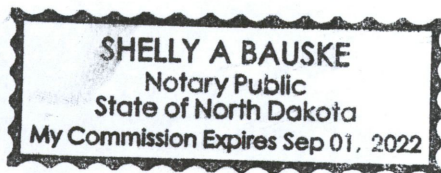
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of October, 2016**.

  
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**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**OCTOBER 5, 2016**

On August 18, 2016 Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains or the Company) filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 requesting a protective order limiting disclosure of "Trade Secret" information. At the request of Commission Staff, the Company filed an Amended Application for Trade Secret Protection on September 26, 2016.

The information for which the Company seeks trade secret protection is the pricing information reflected in the Company's Application and Exhibit B of the Transportation Service Agreement with ProGold Limited Liability Company.

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. Commission Staff has reviewed the request.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the trade secret material has been provided in a sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – 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 has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

**ORDER**

The Commission Orders the application of Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

 _____ <b>Randy Christmann</b> Commissioner	 _____ <b>Julie Fedorchak</b> Chairman	 _____ <b>Brian P. Kalk</b> Commissioner
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