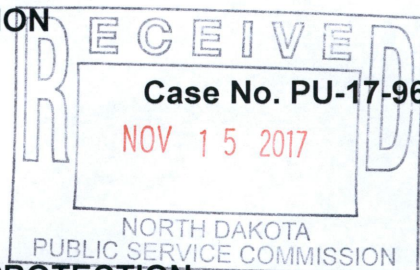


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. – Richland County
Public Convenience & Necessity



**ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION
REQUESTED BY DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

1. On the record at the hearing in this matter and by written application filed November 1, 2017, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. requested Trade Secret Protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-02-09-04 and N.D. Cent. Code § 47-25.1-01(4) for information regarding names and locations of facilities identified anonymously in Exhibit DVEC 13 at the hearing on October 23, 2017.

2. The information requested was not publicly available and consist of confidential business information of member businesses, disclosure of which could be harmful if available to vendors and competitors of those companies.

3. This administrative law judge did indicate on the record that such a request for trade secret protection would be granted. There has been no objection from any of the parties that participated in the hearing.

THEREFORE, THE REQUEST FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION OF THE MATERIALS IDENTIFIED IS GRANTED.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Ward", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick J. Ward
Administrative Law Judge

