



SMITH PORSBORG
 Schweigert Armstrong Moldenhauer & Smith
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW

May 19, 2017



Public Service Commission
 Attention: Darrell Nitschke
 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 480
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

In re: Otter Tail Power Company
 Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application
 PU-17-140

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is the Advocacy Staff's Response to Application for Trade Secret Protection with regard to the above-referenced case.

- Sheldon A. Smith*
- Scott K. Porsborg***•
- Suzanne M. Schweigert*
- Mitchell D. Armstrong**
- Stacy M. Moldenhauer**
- David J. Smith**
- Brian D. Schmidt*
- Tyler J. Malm*
- Sarah E. Kuntz**▲
- Austin T. Lafferty*
- Annique M. Lockard*

* Licensed in North Dakota
 ■ Licensed in Minnesota
 ● Licensed in South Dakota
 ▲ Licensed in Montana
 * Board Certified Civil Trial Specialist by National Board of Trial Advocacy

Respectfully,

MITCHELL D. ARMSTRONG
 Special Assistant Attorney General for
 Public Service Commission

amh
 enclosure

cc: ALJ Patrick J. Ward (w/ enc.)
 Cary Stephenson (w/ enc.)
 Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco (w/ enc.)

PSC.2

14 **PU-17-140** Filed: 5/22/2017 Pages: 3
Advocacy Staff's Response to Application for Trade Secret Protection
 Public Service Commission
 Mitch Armstrong, SAAG

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Advance Prudence - Astoria Project
Application

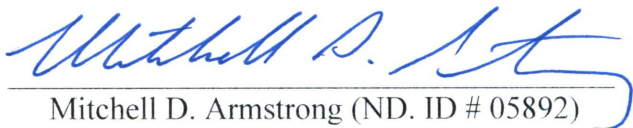
Case No.: PU-17-140

ADVOCACY STAFF'S RESPONSE
TO APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

On April 10, 2017, Otter Tail Power Company ("OTP") filed an application for trade secret protection. OTP seeks protection of specific cost estimate data related to stages of the project. Advocacy Staff does not object to the application for trade secret protection for this information as it appears it has independent economic value (actual or potential) from not being generally known to competitors and vendors for the project as explained in OTP's trade secret application.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2017.

By: _____



Mitchell D. Armstrong (ND. ID # 05892)
Sarah E. Kuntz (ND. ID # 07822)
Special Assistant Attorneys General for PSC
122 East Broadway Avenue
P.O. Box 460
Bismarck, ND 58502-0460
Phone (701) 258-0630

