

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company
Economic Development Rider (EDR)
Approval**

Case No. PU-17-238

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

OCTOBER 4, 2017

On May 30, 2017, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for protection of information to protect against public disclosure information that Otter Tail filed with the Commission, that Otter Tail asserts qualifies as an exemption to N.D.C.C. section 44-04-18. Otter Tail's application was filed under N.D. Admin. Code §§ 69-02-09-01 and 69-02-09-04.

On September 14, 2017, Commission Staff filed a response.

The information for which the Otter Tail seeks protection includes Otter Tail's Economic Developmental Model, which includes all company-related marginal costs and proposed investments to serve potential customers as well as estimates of customer billing determinants and related bill calculations. The information is not publicly available, is confidential business information, and specifically prepared for Otter Tail with data inputs unique to Otter Tail, or is subject to agreements that require the ongoing confidentiality of the information.

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. Staff recommended approval of the application for protection.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the protected information was provided to the Commission in a sealed envelope labeled PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

Having reviewed Otter Tail's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

ORDER

The Commission orders the May 30, 2017 application of Otter Tail Power Company for Protection of Information GRANTED.

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