

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In the Matter of the Application of MONTANA-
DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc. for an Advance
Determination of Prudence for the Thunder
Spirit Wind Expansion Project)

Case No. PU-17-____

In the Matter of the Application of MONTANA-
DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc. to Amend Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5870 to
include the Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion
Project)

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APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group In., (Montana-Dakota) 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) and (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 Montana-Dakota seeks trade secret protection includes the following items contained in the Application and supporting testimony filed in the above referenced cases:

- 1) 25-year levelized cost per MWh under the terms of the Purchased Power Agreement (PPA) with ACE Wind LLC,
- 2) Annual revenue requirement per MWh for Montana-Dakota's ownership of the Thunder Spirit Expansion

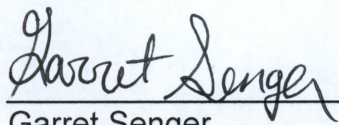
The above-referenced information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for Montana-Dakota. Vendors and competitors would have an opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information, to the detriment of Montana-Dakota and it's customers. If publicly available, vendors could use the information to their advantage in competing for project

procurement opportunities, while competitors could use the information to leverage their rate positions in the marketplace to Montana-Dakota's, and it's customers, detriment.

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 PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of June 2017.

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