

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana – Dakota Utilities Co.  
Advance Prudence – Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion  
Application

Case No. PU-17-268

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **15th** day of **March, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **1** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid a copy of:

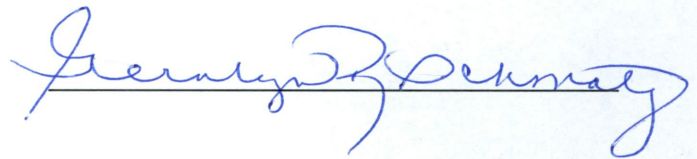

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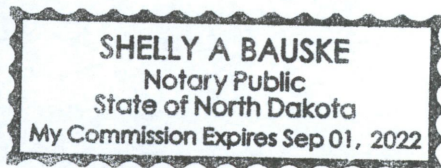
Karl Liepitz  
Assistant General Counsel  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
PO Box 5650  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650

The post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **15th** day of **March, 2018**.

  
  
Notary Public

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**MARCH 14, 2018**

On June 30, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for protection of information pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01, requesting an exemption under North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-18.4.

The information for which MDU seeks to protect includes: (1) 25-year levelized cost per MWh under the terms of the purchased power agreement with ACE Wind LLC, and (2) Annual revenue requirement per MWh for the Company's ownership of the Thunder Spirit Expansion.

MDU asserts that the information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for MDU. MDU also has asserts that vendors and competitors would have the opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure of the information to MDU's disadvantage by leveraging their rate positions in the marketplace and competing for projects.

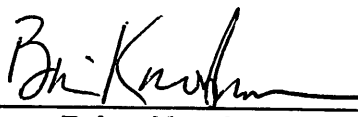
North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. On November 1, 2017, Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended that protection be granted.

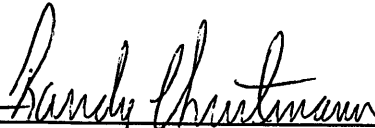
Having reviewed MDU's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements for protection of information.


**ORDER**

The Commission Orders the June 30, 2017 application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Brian Kroshus**  
Commissioner

  
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Chairman

  
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**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner