

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence – Biomass PPAs  
Application

Case No. PU-17-270  
OAH File No. 20170431

Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting – Biomass PPAs  
Application

Case No. PU-17-271  
OAH File No. 20170432

Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting – Laurentian PPA  
Termination Application

Case No. PU-17-322  
OAH File No. 20170433

**ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION  
FOR JAMES A. HEIDELL'S TESTIMONY**

1. On September 18, 2017, I issued an Order Granting Trade Secret Protection in cases numbered PU-17-270 and 271.
2. On August 10, 2017, NSP filed its application in case no. PU-17-322. It requested similar trade secret protection in that matter. Staff does not oppose the request.
3. The PSC consolidated cases PU-270, 271 and 322 for hearing on Friday, February 2, 2018.
4. Thereafter, on December 27, 2017, Advocacy Staff requested similar trade secret designation in order to file the portions of testimony of James A, Heidell because certain portions of his testimony have been designated as a trade secret by the September 18, 2017, Order.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that trade secret protection is granted to NSP with respect to PU-17-322 and to staff with regard to the testimony of James A.

Heidell to the extent of portions of the testimony designated as trade secret by advocacy staff upon filing.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that complete and correct copies of the ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION FOR JAMES A. HEIDELL'S TESTIMONY and ORDER FOR ADMISSION FOR PRO HAC VICE were sent by email on January 29, 2018, to:

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