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Via Hand Delivery

Re: Case No. PU-18-224
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas System – Drayton, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed is a copy of the Staff Response To Application For Protection of Information to be filed in the above captioned case.

Best Regards,

John Schuh
Legal Counsel

Enclosure

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Staff Response to Application for Protection of Information

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STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

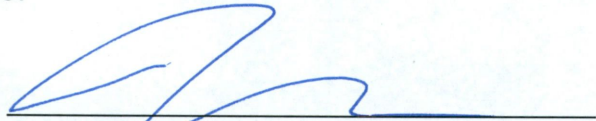
On 28 June 2018, Dakota Natural Gas, LLC (DNG or Company) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01 and N.D.C.C. § 47-21.5-01(4).

In the Application, DNG seeks protection for audited financial statements for 2017. NDG states in its application that the contents of the financial statements and notes that are of a privately held company and is not publicly available. DNG states that it has taken reasonable efforts to protect the private financial information from non-organizational individuals. DNG states that competitors and suppliers will derive independent economic value from its private financial information being known and that it may result in financial and competitive negative impacts if publicly known.

Such information has been marked as PROTECTED INFORMATION - PRIVATE in DNG's Application for Public Convenience and Necessity in the above-referenced Case. Staff believes that DNG's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information and may be exempted from disclosure pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of DNG to protect certain information filed in this case.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2018.



John Schuh
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