

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dakota Natural Gas, LLC
Natural Gas Service - Drayton, ND
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-18-345

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION


On 26 September 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 to protect sensitive contractual terms and a complete cost model for the proposed project. NDG states in its application that the contents are not publicly available. DNG states that it has taken reasonable efforts to protect the private financial information from non-organizational individuals by redacting it from public view and protecting private financial information from non-organizational individuals. DNG states that competitors and suppliers will derive independent economic value from its private financial information 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 5th day of December 2018.



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