

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Northern States Power Company
Integrated Resource Plan
Information**

Case No. PU-19-220

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

October 22, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On July 2, 2019, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for protection of information, pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01, to protect certain trade secret information from public disclosure.

On September 30, 2019, staff reviewed the request NSP for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which NSP seeks protection includes private customer data, forecast data of annual system consumption and generation information with related technical studies, forecasted capital and O&M cost details, and critical infrastructure security data which have been marked as trade secret.

N.D. Admin Code North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 requires that the commission staff shall examine the information and application, and file and serve a response that includes a recommendation on whether the information qualifies for protection.


Staff believes the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement.

The Commission concludes that NSP's application for protection of information satisfy the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code 44-04-18.4 for protection of information that is the subject of this request.


ORDER

The Commission orders the application of Northern States Power Company for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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