

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Cost of Gas 2020
Tariff Monthly Adjustments

Case No. PU-20-08

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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 **29th day of January 2020** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

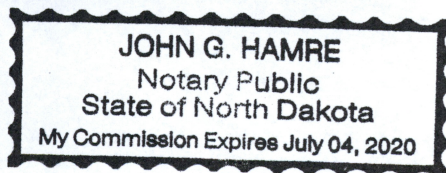
- **Staff Response To Application For Protection Of Information**

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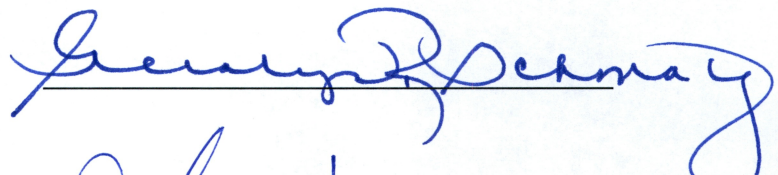
Tamie Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
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Bismarck, ND 58501

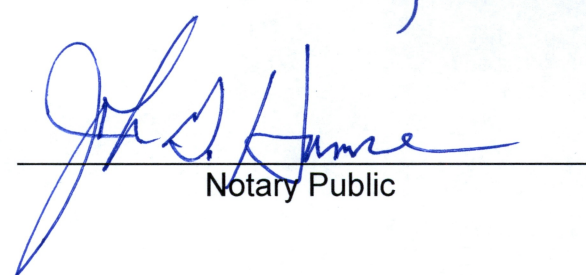
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **29th day of January 2020**.



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STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

December 10, 2019, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. filed an application for a protective order under North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09 for protecting against public disclosure protected information as defined by North Dakota Century Code 47-25.1-01(4) pursuant to N.D.C.C 44-04-18.4.

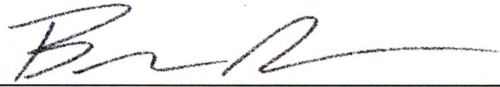
The information for which the Company seeks protection includes cost of gas and gas commodity pricing.

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.

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of information, and that the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy; and constitutes information would be economically harmful to the company and ultimately to their consumers.

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

Dated this 28th day of January, 2020.



Brian Johnson
Staff Attorney
North Dakota Public Service Commission