

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

Brian Kroshus
Julie Fedorchak
Randy Christmann

Chair
Commissioner
Commissioner

Case No. _____

**In the Matter of the Application of
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC for a
Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Construct and
Operate a Natural Gas Distribution
Line to Serve Parts of Traill County,
North Dakota**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE
SECRET PROTECTION FOR
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Dakota Natural Gas, LLC (DNG), respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) grant Trade Secret Protection of Information for certain information contained in its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01.

DISCUSSION

DNG's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity has certain complete, audited financial statements for 2019 in a document appended thereto as Attachment C. DNG asserts that the information contained in the appended document constitutes trade secret information within the meaning of N.D.C.C. Ch. 47-25.1-01(4). DNG respectfully requests that the contents of the appended financial statements and notes be treated as protected data because the information was supplied by DNG; DNG and the entire GMS family of companies are privately held and their financial information is not publicly available; DNG and the entire family of GMS companies have taken reasonable efforts to maintain its secrecy by redacting it from public view and protecting private financial from non-organization individuals; and, DNG and the GMS family of companies derive independent economic value from its private financial information not being known by competitors, suppliers, and/or other members of the public who could obtain economic value from its use and whose use of the information could deleteriously impact DNG and the GMS family of companies, both in terms of financial and competitive impacts, if the information is misappropriated.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

DNG respectfully requests that the financial statement and notes appended to its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as Attachment C be afforded protection from public view because the document constitutes trade secret information.

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Respectfully submitted,



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