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Dakota Natural Gas, LLC  
Natural Gas Facilities – Traill County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-20-244

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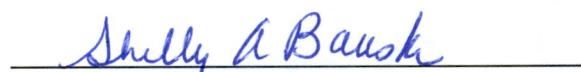
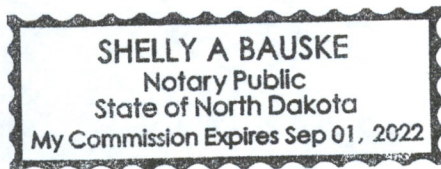
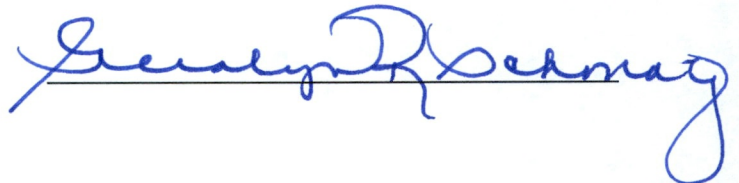
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The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **24th day of July 2020**.



Notary Public

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**July 23, 2020**

Preliminary Statement

On June 1, 2020, Dakota Natural Gas, LLC (DNG) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On June 4, 2020, staff reviewed the request of DNG for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which DNG seeks protection includes information regarding financial information.

Such information has been marked as TRADE SECRET in DNG's responses to data requests and in the pre-filed testimony submitted by DNG, or may arise or be discussed in the hearing or hearings in this matter.

DNG's application states that this information is confidential financial information because it is information that has not been publicly disclosed and that if disclosed would cause substantive competitive injury. . . as provided in North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-18.4(2)(b). Such information has been marked as TRADE SECRET in DNG's responses to data requests and in the pre-filed testimony submitted by DNG, or may arise or be discussed in the hearing or hearings in this matter.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by DNG. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information.

DNG has requested that this, and similar types of this information, be treated as trade secret in all of DNG's regulatory filings and other sharing of this information with governmental entities.

The persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information include investors and potential investors in DNG; entities with which DNG currently conducts or may conduct business; and other utilities. Disclosure of the

information sought to be protected would provide these persons and entities prior foreknowledge of information not readily available to the public.

North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 provides “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 that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

The Commission concludes DNG’s application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

**Order**

The Commission orders the June 1, 2020 application of Dakota Natural Gas, LLC, for protection of information is GRANTED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner

  
Brian Kroshus  
Chairman

  
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Commissioner