STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Brian Kroshus	Chair
Julie Fedorchak	Commissioner
Randy Christmann	Commissioner

Case No. _____

In the Matter of Dakota Natural Gas, LLC's Request for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement	**APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION FOR REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FIRM TRANSPORATION AGREEMENT**

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 Request for Approval of a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement with American Crystal Sugar Company (ACSC) pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01.

DISCUSSION

DNG's Request for Approval of a Firm Gas Transportation Agreement with American Crystal Sugar Company contains certain sensitive contractual terms within it and appended to it in Attachment A; and, it also contains a complete cost model for the proposed project in a document appended thereto as Attachment B. DNG asserts that the information contained in the Request that is identified as trade secret (those certain contract terms and the entirety of the cost model) 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 identified information be treated as protected data because the information was supplied by DNG; the information is not publicly available; DNG and ACSC have taken reasonable efforts to maintain its secrecy by redacting it from public view and protecting private financial from non-organization individuals; and, DNG derives independent economic value from its private 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, both in terms of financial and competitive impacts, if the information is misappropriated.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

DNG respectfully requests that that the information contained in its Request that is identified as trade secret (those certain contract terms and the entirety of the cost model) be afforded protection from public view because the document constitutes trade secret information.

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Respectfully submitted,

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