

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Brian Kroshus
Julie Fedorchak
Randy Christmann

Chair
Commissioner
Commissioner

Case No. _____

**In the Matter of
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC's
Monthly Cost of Gas
Adjustments**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE
SECRET PROTECTION FOR
2021 MONTHLY COST OF GAS
ADJUSTMENT FILINGS**

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 monthly Cost of Gas (COG) adjustment filings pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01.

DISCUSSION

DNG's monthly COG submissions contain certain sensitive information within them related to its supplier costs and volumes. DNG asserts that the information contained in the COG materials that is identified as trade secret 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 has taken reasonable efforts to maintain its secrecy by redacting it from public view and protecting it 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 monthly COG submissions that is identified as trade secret be afforded protection from public view because the documents constitute trade secret information.

Dated: January 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristine A. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

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