

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

Julie Fedorchak  
Randy Christmann  
Brian Kroshus

Chair  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Case No. PU-21-103

**In the Matter of a Commission  
Investigation Into the Impacts  
and Rate Treatment From an  
Extreme Cold Weather Event**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE  
SECRET PROTECTIONS FOR  
DAKOTA NATURAL GAS, LLC  
RESPONSIVE INFORMATION**

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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 Response to Request for Information pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01, as well as to similar information that may be subsequently filed in the instant case file.

**DISCUSSION**

DNG's Response to Request for Information contains certain price and volume information within various responses. 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 marked content in its Response 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 information 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 marked content in its Response be afforded protection from public view because the material constitutes trade secret information.

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Respectfully submitted,

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