

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dakota Natural Gas, LLC  
February 2021 Extreme Weather Event  
Investigation

Case No. PU-21-103

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **28th day of July 2021** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

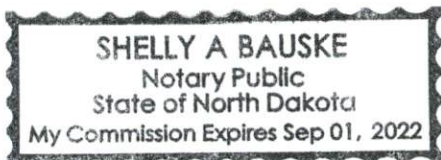
- **Staff Response to Application for Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Kristine Anderson  
Corporate Attorney (MN) & Regulatory Affairs  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC  
PO Box 798  
Faribault, MN 55021

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **28th day of July 2021**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geralyn R. Schmaltz", written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line.  
Notary Public

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**STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

On May 3, 2021, Dakota Natural Gas filed an application for a protective order under North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09 for protecting against public disclosure protected information as defined by North Dakota Century Code 47-25.1-01(4) pursuant to N.D.C.C 44-04-18.4.

The information for which the Company seeks protection includes cost of gas and volume information.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission.

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of information, and that the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy; and constitutes information would be economically harmful to the company and ultimately to their consumers.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of the Company to protect certain information filed in this case.

Dated this 27th day of July 2021.



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Brian Johnson  
Staff Attorney  
North Dakota Public Service Commission