

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

Julie Fedorchak  
Randy Christmann  
Brian Kroshus

Chair  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Matter of  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC's  
2020 Annual Regulated  
Earnings Report**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE  
SECRET PROTECTION FOR  
2020 ANNUAL REGULATED  
EARNINGS REPORT**

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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 2020 Annual Regulated Earnings Report filing pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01.

**DISCUSSION**

DNG's 2020 Annual Regulated Earnings Report contains certain sensitive information within it related to its financial status. DNG asserts that the information contained in the Annual Report 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 2020 Annual Regulated Earnings Report that is identified as trade secret be afforded protection from public view because the documents constitute trade secret information.

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Respectfully submitted,

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