

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

**Northern States Power Company  
Border Winds Energy Project - Rolette County  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-22-173**

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

On April 1, 2022, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret or proprietary information, as defined by North Dakota Century Code §49-22-26. NSP requests the protection of information relating to cultural resource locations.

The information marked as Protected Data is cultural resource location information contained in Section 4.0 and Exhibits 1-2 of the Class I Cultural Resource Literature Review and in Table 5-3 of the Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Inventory: Supplemental 2013 Investigations in Appendix C to the Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Memorandum (Exhibit A to the Certification of Christopher Clark filed on March 31, 2022) ("Repower Filing"), along with associated GIS data.

Staff believes that Otter Tail's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information and conforms to North Dakota Administrative Rule 69-02-09-01, which is the subject of this request.

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

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.



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