



UTILITIES CO.

A Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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November 15, 2022

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2022 Application for Increase in
Electric Rates
Case No. PU-22-194
OAH File No. 20220225

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) herewith electronically submits its Application for Trade Secret Protection for confidential treatment of certain information being provided in response to data requests in Case No. PU-22-194.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests this electronic filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Please contact me at 701.222.7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

Travis R. Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachment
cc: A. Waldon

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of MONTANA-DAKOTA)
UTILITIES CO. 2022 Application for) Case No. PU-22-194
Increase in Electric Rates) OAH File No. 20220225

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issue a trade secret protective order under N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-04 and N.D. Cent. Code §44-04-18.4(1 & 2). The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secrets as defined by N.D. Cent. Code § 47-25.1-01(4) .

I.

The Commission Staff served Montana-Dakota with a discovery request in the present case seeking information the Company believes constitutes trade secret information. The Company request trade secret protection for Data Request 5.2.c, as it requestes information related to confidential reports received from outside sources. This information has independent economic value because it is not readily ascertained by proper means by other persons. The confidential information is considered trade secret, as it provides an economic advantage to others. Furthermore, the outside sources have deemed the calculations continaed herein as their proprietary work product.

II.

Montana-Dakota requests an Order protecting the information necessary to response to Data Request 5.3.c included herein and subsequent submittals of a similar nature.

III.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the trade secret material is provided via secure electronic mail delivery which indicates “PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE”.

Dated this 15th day of November 2022.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

By: /s/ *Travis R. Jacobson*

Travis R. Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

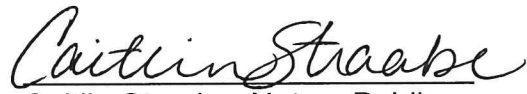
Dated this 15th day of November 2022.



Tara Vesey
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Tara.Vesey@mdu.com

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November 2022.

CAITLIN STRAABE
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires August 28, 2023



Caitlin Straabe, Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 8/28/2023