

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**  
**2022 Electric Rate Increase**  
**Application**

**Case No. PU-22-194**  
**OAH File No. 20220225**

**ORDER ON APPLICATION TO PROTECT INFORMATION**  
**March 9, 2023**

Preliminary Statement

[1] On January 31, 2023, Marathon Petroleum Company LP (MPC) filed an Application to Protect information requesting a protective order to protect against public disclosure of trade secrets.

Discussion

[2] The information MPC seeks to protect is information contained in MPC's Pre-Filed Direct Testimony. The referenced information was provided to MPC by Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) through MPC discovery requests and is subject to a Confidentiality Agreement. The information includes technical, business, and financial information that MDU deems as trade secret or valuable or sensitive commercial or financial information.

[3] The application states that the information could have economic value because it is not readily available in the public domain and cannot be ascertained by proper means by other persons. The application further states the information is considered trade secret because it would provide an economic advantage to competitors and other businesses who received the confidential information and an independent third-party has deemed the calculations contained herein as their proprietary work product.

[4] The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by MDU and MPC. The information has not been disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information.

[5] North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-09-03 provides “the commission staff shall examine the information and application, and file and serve a response that includes a recommendation on whether the information qualifies for protection.”

[6] Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

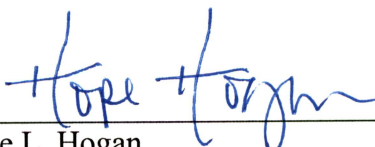
[7] The MPC’s application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

[8] The January 31, 2023 application of Marathon Petroleum Company LP for protection of information is **GRANTED**.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 9 day of March 2023.

State of North Dakota  
Public Service Commission

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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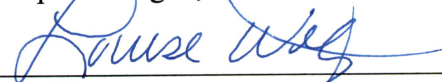
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