

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power  
Company's Application for Approval  
of the Initial Rate of the  
Advanced Grid Infrastructure Cost  
Recovery Rider, Rate Schedule 13.11(NEW)

**Case No. PU-22-**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION**

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code Chapter 69-02-09, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) respectfully requests that the Commission issue a trade secret protective order in the above-referenced case. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret or proprietary information, as defined by NDCC §§ 47-25.1-01(4) and 44-04-18.4.

Otter Tail specifically seeks trade secret protection for references to the projected costs for the Demand Response Project noted on page 19 of the Application. This information has been marked as TRADE SECRET in the Application.

The above-referenced information is not publicly available, is confidential business information, and was prepared specifically for Otter Tail with data inputs unique to Otter Tail. The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by Otter Tail. The information, therefore, is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.

Vendors and competitors would have an opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information to the detriment of Otter Tail and the customers we serve. If publicly available vendors and others could use the information to their advantage in competing for project procurement opportunities and competitors could use the information to Otter Tail's detriment.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope labeled **PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE**.

In addition, the Company requests that the trade secret protective order be broad enough to cover all additional information exchanged in the course of this proceeding and qualifying for trade secret protection.

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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