

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Advanced Grid Infrastructure Cost Recovery Rider
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-22-312

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

February 22, 2023

Preliminary Statement

On July 11, 2022, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On January 3, 2023, Staff reviewed the request of Otter Tail for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which the Company seeks protection includes the projected costs for the Demand Response Project noted on page 19 of the Application.

The Company states that this information is Proprietary and Commercial information because it is technical and financial information as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4.

The Company further states that this information has been maintained by Otter Tail. The information, therefore, is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.

The application further states that 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 they 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.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by Otter Tail. The information is not 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.

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

The Commission concludes Otter Tail's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

Order

The Commission orders the July 11, 2022, application of Otter Tail Power Company, for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



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Commissioner