

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Block Chain Office – Dickey County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-22-366

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Block Chain Data Processing Extension
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-22-370

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - Applied Blockchain
Approval**

Case No. PU-22-371

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed applications for protection of information in the captioned cases.

The information for which the Company seeks protection is defined as trade secret, commercial, and financial information pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(1), (2)(a), and (2)(b), and N.D.C.C. § 47-25.1-01(4). Specifically, the company requests protection for the Electric Service Agreement, the revenue estimate for Applied Digital's data center, and information from rate comparisons between MDU and Dakota Valley Electric. This information has been protected and not previously disclosed by MDU or Applied Digital and MDU has provided redacted versions for public use.

Staff believes that MDU's applications are for the type of information which is regularly granted protection of information. Staff recommends that the Administrative Law Judge grant protection of information in Case Nos. PU-22-366 and PU-22-370. Staff also recommends protection of information be granted by the Commission in PU-22-0731.

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