

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence – 150 MW PPA for MinnDakota Wind  
Application

Case No. PU-22-410

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Staff Response to Application for Protection of Information**

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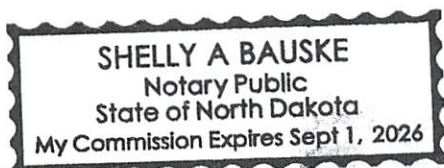
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **30th day of May 2023**.



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**STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**MAY 25, 2023**

On November 18, 2022, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

The information NSP seeks protection for relates to cost and pricing information as well as curtailment terms associated with the NSP's proposed amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the MinnDakota Wind facility.

NSP states the information is commercial information as defined in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(a). NSP further states that this information has not been made publicly available and is not ascertainable by proper means, and that by disclosing this information others could obtain economic value from its disclosure, specifically to potential vendors, contractors and suppliers who may desire to bid for PPA agreements, repowering, or other generation resources to the NSP in the future.

Staff reviewed the application and finds that it meets the definition of commercial information, and this information is the type of information which has been granted protection in the past. Staff recommends that the commission grant the application for protection of information in the above captioned case.

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

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