

**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**

**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**AUGUST 16, 2023**

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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

Staff reviewed and Issued a Staff Response to the Application for protection of information.

**DISCUSSION**

The information NSP seeks protection for relates to cost and pricing information as well as curtailment terms associated with 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 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.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Northern States Power Company to protect certain information filed in the captioned case.

**Order**

The Commission orders:

Northern States Power Company's Application for Protection of Information is granted.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chair



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner