

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
2023 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Case No. PU-22-429

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Amy Haugen deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **17th day of August 2023** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls MN 56538-0496
Cert. No. 7020 1290 0001 6150 9528

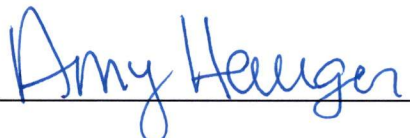
Amy Haugen further deposes and says that on the **17th day of August 2023**, she sent an electronic message to one addressee, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Filing Coordinators
Otter Tail Power Company
Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic address.

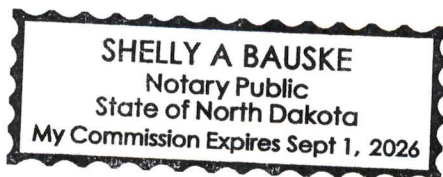
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **17th day of August 2023**.





Notary Public

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ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

AUGUST 16, 2023

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On January 25, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) 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 that Otter Tail is requesting protection for is the tracker model used to calculate the Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor provided to staff to aid in the analysis of Otter Tail's Application.

Otter Tail cites to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4, but does not provide the specific sub section reference to identify why the information should be protected. Staff finds the information to be "proprietary information" as defined under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(c)(5), which is technical, financial, or marketing records received by a public entity.

Otter Tail states that this information has not been made publicly available and is not easily ascertainable by ordinary means. Otter Tail further states that this information would cause competitive harm to their business if this information is not protected, by giving an advantage to competitors and vendors which could be detrimental to Otter Tail customers.

Staff has reviewed this information and finds that it meets the requirements for the protection of information set out in N.D.C.C. 44-04-18.4 and the requirements of the Commission found under N.D.A.C. 69-02-09-02.

For the reasons stated above, staff recommends that the Commission grant Otter Tail's Application for Protection of Information in the above captioned case.

Order

The Commission orders:

Otter Tail Power Company's Application for Protection of Information is granted.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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