

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company**  
**Small Power Production / Cogeneration**  
**Rates**

**Case No. PU-23-43**

**ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

**AUGUST 16, 2023**

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

On January 30, 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 specific information for which Otter Tail seeks trade secret protection is a portion of Attachment 3 that sets forth specific 2023 wind and solar renewable energy credits pricing and sales, as well as a portion of Attachment 4 that contains the information which is considered to be a "compilation" of data that (1) was supplied by Otter Tail, (2) is the subject of reasonable efforts by Otter Tail to maintain its secrecy, and (3) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to or accessible to the public. This information is used to compute annual customer-related marginal costs.

Otter Tail asserts this information has not been made publicly available and is not readily ascertainable by proper means.

Otter Tail 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 could use the information to their advantage in competing for project procurement opportunities, while competitors could use the information to leverage their rate positions in the marketplace to Otter Tail's detriment.


Based on the information provided above, staff believes the information to be proprietary information under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(c)(5), and that the Commission should grant Otter Tail Power Company's application in the above captioned case.

**Order**

The Commission orders:

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart  
Commissioner**



**Randy Christmann  
Chair**



**Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner**