

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

**Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Monticello Nuclear Extension  
Application**

**Case No. PU-23-64**

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

**MAY 25, 2023**

On February 3, 2023, 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 includes actual and projected cost and pricing information as provided in the assumptions underlying the Company's modeling for its Integrated Resource Plan.

NSP states that this information is commercial information because it is "information pertaining to buying and selling of goods and services that has not been previously publicly disclosed and that if the information were to be disclosed . . . would cause substantial competitive injury to the person from which the information was obtained," as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(a).

NSP states that this information has not been made publicly available and it has taken measures to protect this information from being disclosed and is not readily ascertainable by proper means.

NSP states that if this information is not protected it is information that "(1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons that can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (2) is the subject of efforts that are

reasonable under the circumstances to maintain the secrecy of the information,” as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(d).

Staff has reviewed the information and the application and finds that it meets the definition of commercial information and the requirements of N.D.A.C 69-02-09-02 and recommends the ALJ grant the application of Northern States Power Company in the above captioned case.

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.



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