

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver
Approval**

Case No. PU-23-81

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

JULY 17, 2023

On April 12, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

The information that Otter Tail seeks protection for is for the operating costs of the Big Stone Plant and other operational cost data used in the memorandum by PSC staff in the above captioned case.

Otter Tail seeks protection under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(2)(a-b). Otter Tail asserts that this is commercial and financial information that if disclosed could cause substantial competitive injury if it was disclosed by vendors and others who provided goods and services to the Big Stone Plant.

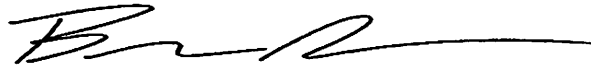
Otter Tail has maintained this information has not been made public and has taken steps to ensure that only essential personnel has access to the information and it is not ascertainable by proper means.

Otter Tail has provided a redacted version of the information for public viewing and has redacted this document as minimally as possible.

Staff believes that Otter Tail's application meets the requirements for protection of information under N.D.C.C and its application complies with N.D.A.C 69-02-09-01. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Otter Tail Power Company's application for

the protection of information in the above captioned case.

Dated this 17th day of July 2023.



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