

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver
Approval

Case No. PU-23-81

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 9542

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.

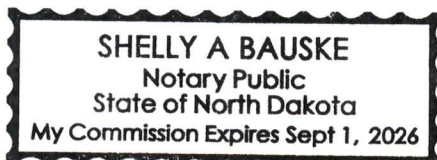
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Filing Coordinators
Otter Tail Power Company
Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpco.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**.

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Amy Haugen

Shelly A Bauske

Notary Public

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AUGUST 16, 2023

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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.

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

DISCUSSION

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 have 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.

Having reviewed Otter Tail's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

Order

The Commission orders:

The Commission orders the April 12, 2023, application of Otter Tail Power Company for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner