

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

**Otter Tail Power Company**  
**Major Service Interruptions 2022**  
**Annual Report**

**Case No. PU-23-165**

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

**MARCH 21, 2024**

On April 26, 2023, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an Application for Trade Secret Protective Order to protect certain information in the captioned case.

Otter Tail seeks trade secret protection for the location data points utilized to calculate IEEE 1366 Indices contained within the 2022 ND Interruptions (Application, Attachment 1 at column A). Location data may include specific customers served by a particular feeder.

If a particular feeder and customer can be identified, it could create an economic or competitive disadvantage to Otter Tail and therefore the customer.

Otter Tail has maintained the confidentiality of this information and states that it derives economic value, actual or potential, is not readily known or ascertainable by proper means.

Staff has reviewed the protected information and determined that it meets the criteria for protection set forth in North Dakota Century Code and North Dakota Administrative Code. This information is submitted annually and has been granted protection in the past.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant Otter Tail's Application for Trade Secret Protective Order.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.



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