

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company  
Major Service Interruptions 2022  
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Case No. PU-23-165

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **21st day of March 2024**, she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

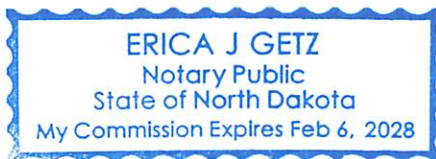
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The envelope was addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson  
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Otter Tail Power Company  
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **21st day of March 2024**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geralyn R. Schmaltz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica J Getz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public

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**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.

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



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