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September 19, 2023

Mr. Steve Kahl
Director of Administration/Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

**RE: In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Request for Approval of the Annual Rate Update to Rate Schedule, Section 13.11, Advanced Metering and Distribution Technology Cost Recovery Rider
Case No. PU-23-283
Application for Trade Secret Protection**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) hereby submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) an Application for Trade Secret Protection in the above-referenced matter.

The response provided in Data Request ND-PSC-01.02 contains protected information. Otter Tail will send the Not Public version of the response via email directly to Mr. Robert Frank for review.

An original and copies have been sent to you via USPS.

Please contact me at (218) 739-8313 or eketelsen@otpc.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
By electronic filing and U.S. mail

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code §§ 69-02-09-01 and 69-02-09-04, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) respectfully requests that the Commission issue a trade secret protective order in the above-referenced case. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret or proprietary information, as defined by N.D. Cent. Code §§ 47-25.1-01(4) and 44-04-18.4.

Otter Tail seeks trade secret protection for the ND-PSC-01.02 data request response. Otter Tail has taken reasonable efforts to maintain the secrecy of the information marked as PROTECTED DATA, which derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use (the "Protected Data").

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope labeled PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE.

In addition, the Company requests that the trade secret protective order be broad enough to cover all additional information exchanged in the course of this proceeding and qualifying for trade secret protection.

Dated: September 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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