

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

Randy Christmann  
Julie Fedorchak  
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart

Chair  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Matter of the Application of  
Dakota Natural Gas, LLC for a  
Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity to Construct and  
Operate a Natural Gas Distribution  
Line to Serve Larimore, North Dakota  
and Arvilla, North Dakota**

**APPLICATION FOR  
TRADE SECRET PROTECTION  
FOR CERTIFICATE OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE  
AND NECESSITY**

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Dakota Natural Gas, LLC (DNG), respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) grant Trade Secret Protection of Information for certain information contained in its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to ND. Admin. Code 69-02-09-01.

**DISCUSSION**

DNG's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity has certain complete, audited financial statements in a document appended thereto as Attachments C. DNG asserts that the information contained in the appended document constitutes trade secret information within the meaning of N.D.C.C. Ch. 47-25.1-01(4) and N.D.C.C. Ch. 44-04-18.4(2). DNG respectfully requests that the contents of the appended financial statements and notes be treated as protected data because the information was supplied by DNG; DNG is privately held and its financial information is not publicly available; DNG has taken reasonable efforts to maintain its secrecy by redacting it from public view and protecting private financial information from non-organization individuals; and, DNG derives independent economic value from its private financial information not being known by competitors, suppliers, and/or other members of the public who could obtain economic value from its use and whose use of the information could deleteriously impact DNG, both in terms of financial and competitive impacts, if the information is misappropriated.

**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**

DNG respectfully requests that the financial statements and notes appended to its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as Attachment C be afforded protection from public view because the documents constitute trade secret information.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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