

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC
Thunder Butte Pipeline Project
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-24-86

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

JUNE 25, 2024

On April 4, 2024, Thunder Butte Pipeline LLC (Thunder Butte) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

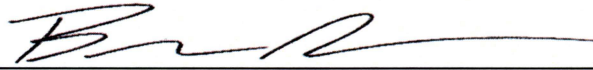
Thunder Butte requests that protection be given to the cultural resource location information in the cultural resource location information in the Cultrual Resources Report in Appendix E of Thunder Buttes consolidated application along with the associated GIS shapefiles. Specifically, Thunder Butte requests that the information be available only to the Commission, the Commission's counsel, the Commission's siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge (should one be designated).

North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) 49-22-26 allows the commission to limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.

Staff believes that Thunder Butte's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Thunder Butte to protect certain information filed in the captioned case.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2024.



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