

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's
2024 Annual Report**

Case No. PU-25-193

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 Power) 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 Power seeks trade secret protection for the economic analysis associated with the impacts of Otter Tail Power's customers, Applied Digital, North Dakota Soybean Processor, and Green Bison Soybean Processor on 2024 financial results. In that respect the Company seeks trade secret protection for the entirety of the reports concerning Applied Digital and North Dakota Soybean Processor and Green Bison Soybean Processor. The reports contain confidential customer information that Otter Tail Power is obligated to hold in confidence. The reports also contain confidential Otter Tail Power financial data which if disclosed could provide third parties market and competitive advantages to the ultimate determinant of Otter Tail Power's customers. Otter Tail Power 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: June 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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