

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

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power  
Company's Application for Approval  
of a Thermal Technology Market  
Energy Rate Section 14.16**

**Case No. PU-25-**

**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 explanation and charge types associated with the part of the tariff that includes pricing negotiated in the customer's electric service agreement. Details regarding how we negotiate and price for new loads coming on the system is proprietary competitive information that if made public would help our competitors and could harm Otter Tail Power's ability to compete for new loads. The Company 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 09, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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