

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Request for Approval of its
2026 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adjustment Factor**

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 tracker model used to calculate the Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor, which is provided to North Dakota staff to aid in the analysis of the Company's Application. 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, and Commission staff's request, a live copy of the Excel file containing trade secret material will be uploaded to the secure portal using a link provided by staff and will be marked as **NOT PUBLIC**.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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