

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Cost of Gas 2026
Tariff Monthly Adjustments

Case No. PU-26-7

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

September 9, 2026

Preliminary Statement

On October 30, 2025, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (the Company), filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On August 25, 2026, Staff reviewed the request of the Company for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which the Company seeks trade secret protection is a portion of the Cost of Gas filing that contains confidential information on gas commodity pricing. The following components are identified as confidential:

- Demand charge monthly delivery quantities excluding FT-1 MDDQ
- Demand charge amounts excluding FT-1 MDDQ
- Commodity charge monthly delivery quantities excluding the Gas Commodity - System quantity
- Commodity charge amounts
- Fuel - Transp. WBI rate
- Fuel - Transp. NB rate
- Fuel - Transp. NW rate
- Fuel - Storage rate
- Gas Commodity - System rate

The information contains confidential pricing information relating to the Company's natural gas purchase practices in a competitive environment and should not be disclosed or released to the public and that, if the information were released, competitors would be able to benefit from the information to the detriment of the Company and its customers. The confidential information is considered trade secret, as it provides an economic advantage in the Company's gas contract negotiations. The Cost of Gas is subject to change each month. The Company requests an Order protecting the information provided in its Cost of Gas submittals in 2026.

The above-referenced information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for the Company. Vendors and competitors would have an opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information to the detriment of the Company. If publicly available, vendors could use the information to their advantage in contract negotiations, while competitors could use the information to leverage their positions in the marketplace to the Company's detriment.

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

The Commission concludes the Company's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

Order

The Commission orders the October 30, 2025, application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

		
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