

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Small Power Production and Cogeneration
Rates and Renewable Energy Credits

Case No. PU-26-51

STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

On January 30, 2026, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

The specific information for which Otter Tail seeks trade secret protection is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret or proprietary information, as defined by N.D.C.C. §§ 47-25.1-01(4) and 44-04-18.4.

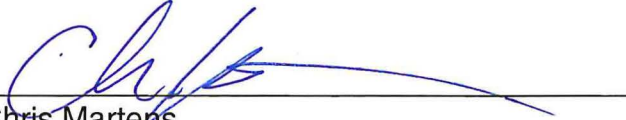
The specific information for which Otter Tail seeks trade secret protection is for details regarding the Company's capacity position, what it paid for energy, and what it paid for renewable energy credits. Otter Tail has taken reasonable efforts to maintain the secrecy of the information marked as PROTECTED 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").

Otter Tail 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.

Staff believes that Otter Tail'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 the Commission grant the application of Otter Tail to protect certain information filed in the captioned case.

Dated this 13th day of March 2026.



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