

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Small Power Production / Cogeneration
Rates

Case No. PU-26-51

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Janel Rubert deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **27th day of May, 2026**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Protection of Information**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Lauren D. Donofrio
Senior Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
215 S. Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496
Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2385 22

Janel Rubert further deposes and says that on the **27th day of May 2026**, she sent an electronic message to **one** address, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

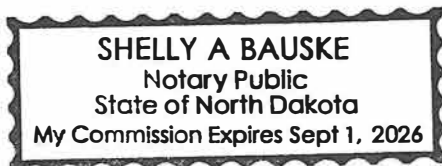
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Filing Coordinators
Otter Tail Power Company
Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **27th day of May 2026**.

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Janel Rubert
Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

May 27, 2026

Preliminary Statement

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.

On March 13, 2026, Staff reviewed the request of Otter Tail for protection of information.

Discussion

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

The Commission concludes 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.

Order

The Commission orders the January 30, 2026, application of Otter Tail Power Company for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringslad
Commissioner