

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company
Major Service Interruptions 2025
Annual Report**

Case No. PU-26-160

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

**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 **9th day of September 2026**, she sent an electronic message to **two** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of:

- **Order on Protection of Information; and**
- **Affidavit of Service by Electronic Mail**

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
cstephenson@otpc.com

Ethan Severson
Reliability Engineer
Otter Tail Power Company
eseverson@otpc.com

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mail addresses.

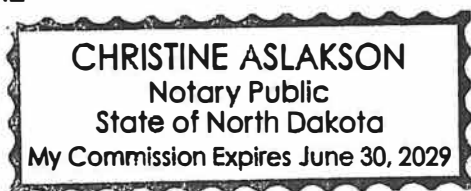
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **9th day of September 2026**.





Notary Public

SEAL



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ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

September 9, 2026

Preliminary Statement

On April 29, 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 August 3, 2026, Staff reviewed the request of Otter Tail for protection of information.

Discussion

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 location data points utilized to calculate IEEE 1366 Indices contained within the 2025 ND Interruptions. Location data may include specific customers served by a particular feeder. 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 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.

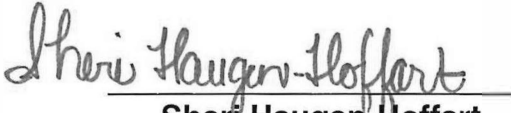
Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

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.

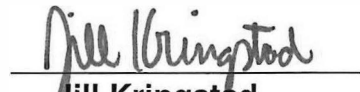
Order

The Commission orders the April 29, 2026, application of Otter Tail Power Company for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner


Randy Christmann
Chair


Jill Kringstad
Commissioner