

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement-APLD BIS-01 LLC
Approval**

Case No. PU-26-235

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

September 9, 2026

Preliminary Statement

On June 26, 2026, 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 includes the following items:

- Transmittal Letter - includes select provisions from Electric Service Agreement that have been identified as trade secret.
- Attachment B - select provisions of the Electric Service Agreement containing rate- and cost-related information as well as information related to the customer's operational details.

High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45 provides for an individualized rate structure that is reflective of each customer's load characteristics but also ensures the recovery of any incremental costs incurred by the Company for the provision of electric service to such customer. Therefore, it should be noted that the information presented in the above identified documents includes confidential pricing and cost information and has been marked "TRADE SECRET". The information 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. Energy bills for facilities housing high density computer processing technology can be significant and therefore subject to competition, not only locally but throughout the globe.

The above-referenced information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for Montana-Dakota. 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.

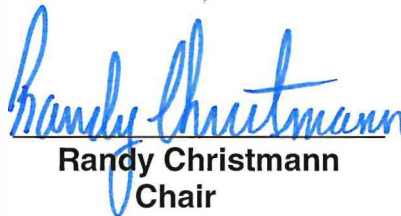
Order

The Commission orders the June 26, 2026, application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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