

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Otter Tail Power
Company's Rates for Small Power
Production and Cogeneration

Docket No. EL16-002

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to approve confidential treatment for the below-identified information pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) § 20:10:01:41.

1. Otter Tail requests confidential protection and treatment of the confidential portions of the attachments to our data request response number SD-PUC-02-001. The information is marked "CONFIDENTIAL."

2. The documents must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed, all protected information must be returned to Otter Tail.

3. Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD § 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL § 37-29-1 (4). The information contained within the confidential portions of this report meets the definition of "trade secret" under the SDCL § 37-29-1(4), the South Dakota Uniform Trade Secret Act, which defines the term as information that "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, and... is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy."

5. The confidential portions of these attachments contain proprietary business information which Otter Tail does not disclose to the public. This information would provide third parties with information concerning costs of electric energy, electric resources and other information that could affect the competitive procurement of electric energy and electric generation resources. Accordingly, Otter Tail respectfully requests that the Commission authorize confidential protection and treatment of this information.

The information for which confidential treatment is requested has been marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and is being transmitted electronically as a separate document.

Date: March 4, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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