

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

In the Matter of the Transmission Permit for the
Big Stone South to Ellendale Project

EL13-028

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT FOR FORD EXHIBIT 9**

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company, through their undersigned counsel, request confidential treatment as follows:

1. Ford Exhibit 9, BSSE 329 to 331.

The pages of Ford Exhibit 9, BSSE 329 to 331 are all marked confidential and are being filed electronically by separate document.

2. The exhibits must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed all protected information must be returned to the Project.

3. The persons to be notified are: For Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.: Henry Ford, 400 N. 4th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58501-4902, telephone (701) 222-7944. For Otter Tail Power Company: Dean Pawlowski, 215 Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 56537-0496, telephone (218) 739-8947 or such other persons as the two companies may so direct.

4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39(4) and (6). Ford Exhibit 9, BSSE 329-331 contains description of requests for route changes by landowners, including identifying the parcel of the requesting landowner. This is confidential landowner information. BSSE 64 to 267 contain appraisal and land value information that constitute trade secrets, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information protected by SDCL 15-6-26(c)(7).

DATED this 25th day of April, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Welk', written over a horizontal line.

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