

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION
FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A COMBUSTION
TURBINE GENERATOR AND
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
INCLUDING A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE
NEAR ASTORIA, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**REQUEST FOR
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF OTTER TAIL POWER
COMPANY'S CONFIDENTIAL
RESPONSES TO STAFF'S
FIRST SET OF DATA
REQUESTS TO OTTER TAIL
POWER COMPANY**

EL17-042

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Otter Tail Power Company, through their undersigned counsel, request confidential treatment as follows:

1. Otter Tail Power Company's Confidential Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests to Otter Tail Power Company, the pages of which are all are all marked confidential and are being filed electronically by separate document.

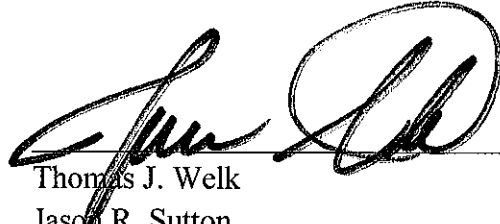
2. Otter Tail Power Company's Confidential Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests to Otter Tail Power Company must be protected for the life of this docket, or until Otter Tail has entered into binding agreements with landowners regarding easements and all construction projects, which ever date is last. When the docket is closed all protected information must be returned to the Project.

3. The persons to be notified are: For Otter Tail Power Company: William Swanson, 215 Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 56537-0496, telephone (218) 739-8205.

4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39(4) and (6). Otter Tail Power Company's Confidential Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests to Otter Tail Power Company contain confidential landowner information in the response to Data Request No. 2, and also contain confidential, trade secret information relating to the negotiation of easements with landowners that constitute trade secrets, or other confidential research, development, or

commercial information protected by SDCL 15-6-26(c)(7). The responses to Data Request Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 13 contain confidential financial and Project cost information that constitute trade secrets, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information protected by SDCL 15-6-26(c)(7).

Dated this 4th day of December, 2017.

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