

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

**In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail
Power Company For Authority to Increase
Rates For Electric Utility Service in South
Dakota**

EL10-011

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

COMES NOW, Otter Tail Power Company (“OTP”) and respectfully moves the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“the Commission”) for confidential treatment of information pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (“ARSD”) 20:10:01:41.

1. OTP requests confidential protection and treatment of Exhibit ____ (BDM-2), Schedule 2, to Bryan D. Morlock’s Rebuttal Testimony. The graph shown in Exhibit ____ (BDM-2), Schedule 2, contains Estimated Luverne Wind Farm Revenue Requirements vs forecast wholesale market price information. This wholesale market price information is a commercial vendor product that is CONFIDENTIAL in nature and is required to be treated as such by agreement with the vendor. The information is marked as “Confidential.”

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

3. Please refer all inquires 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 Exhibit ____ (BDM-2), Schedule 2, meets the definition of “trade secret” under the SDCL §37-29-1(4)(1), the South Dakota Uniform Trade Secret Act, which is defined 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. Exhibit ____ (BDM-2), Schedule 2, contains proprietary business information which OTP does not disclose to the public. This information would provide actual and potential competitors with information that could provide competitors with an unfair competitive advantage. Accordingly, OTP respectfully requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission grant this request for confidential protection and treatment.

The information for which confidential treatment is requested is marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and is included in the attached sealed envelope marked “CONFIDENTIAL.”

Dated this 28th day of March 2011.

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