

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

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

Docket No. EL17-042

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF INFORMATION**

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) requests that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) 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 Appendices B, C, D, & E. The information is marked “CONTAINS CRITICAL ELECTRIC/ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION” and is being transmitted electronically as a separate document.
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 (5).
 - A. The information contained within the confidential appendices of this report is information which has been made confidential under 18 C.F.R. 388.133 – Critical Electric/Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) and should be determined by the Commission to be confidential and entitled to protection

from disclosure or improper use. The confidential appendices contain specific engineering, vulnerability, or detailed design information about critical infrastructure that: (1) Relates details about the production, generation, transmission, or distribution of energy; (2) Could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure; (3) Is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; and (4) Gives strategic information beyond the location of the critical infrastructure. Accordingly, Otter Tail respectfully requests that the Commission authorize confidential protection and treatment of this information.

- B. In addition to the information described in Paragraph 5(A) of this request, the information contained within the confidential appendices of this report, specifically Appendix F, includes contact information for attendees of an information meeting for first responders. Some of this information includes personal email addresses and phone numbers which are generally recognized as confidential under South Dakota law unless provided with the intent for publication, which is not the case in this instance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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