<u>CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT E</u>

Financial Statements

[CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION]

Applicant hereby requests confidential treatment of <u>CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit E</u> to this Application. <u>CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit E</u> consists of the financial statements of the Applicant, including its balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 (the "Confidential Information"). Such financial information constitutes trade secrets or commercial information within the meaning of South Dakota Administrative Rules § 20:10:01:39(4) and South Dakota Codified Laws § 15-6-26(c)(7). Applicant requests that the Confidential Information being provided to the Commission continue to be treated as confidential before, during, and after the proceedings in the above-captioned matter.

The Confidential Information contains information that is commercially sensitive and is not available to the general public. Unrestricted availability of the details of the Confidential Information would provide competitors with information regarding the Applicant, which competitors could use to evaluate Applicant's business strategies to the Applicant's detriment. Such availability would disclose certain non-public details of the Applicant's financial condition and business and could ultimately result in a competitive disadvantage to Applicant. Confidential treatment of the Confidential Information is therefore requested to avoid potential commercial injury.

Communications regarding this request for confidential treatment should be directed to Applicant's counsel, as listed in the Application.