

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

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

EL13-028

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL  
TREATMENT OF INFORMATION  
OF DOCUMENTS PRODUCED IN  
RESPONSE TO STAFF'S SECOND SET  
OF DATA REQUESTS**

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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. Confidential protection is sought for the following:
  - a. BSSE 64 to 267, which is produced in response to the Staff's data request 2-7, and which contains a chart depicting by land parcel requests for route changes, analysis of the Project of such requests, and the decision on the requests.
  - b. BSSE 329 to 331, which is produced in response to Staff's data request 2-11, which contains confidential appraisal information.

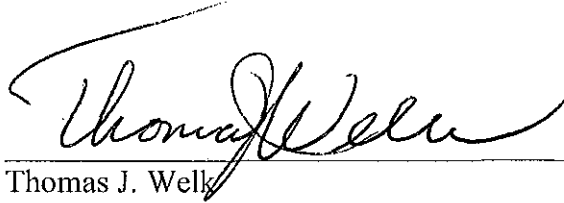
The pages of BSSE 64 to 267, and 329 to 331 are all marked confidential and are being provided on a CD, which is contained in sealed envelopes.

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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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). BSSE 329 to 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Thomas J. Welk, do hereby certify that I am a member of the law firm of Boyce, Greenfield, Pashby & Welk, LLP, attorneys for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company and that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014, a true and correct copy of Request for Confidential Treatment of Information of Documents Produced in Response to Staff's Second Set of Data Requests was served via e-mail and first-class mail to the following addresses listed:

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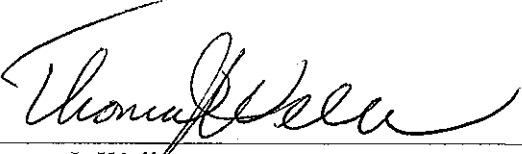
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