

Request for Confidential Treatment

NS Power GRA Compliance Filing

There are four types of information for which NS Power requests confidential treatment. The GRA Compliance Filing only has one type that applies as described below.

1. Commercial Information

To protect value for customers and mitigate the risk of prospective proponents having access to the information contained in this Application, and maintain good business relations with vendors, this information is confidential.

The more a supplier is aware of NS Power's specific requirements, budgets, forecasts, or a competing vendor's costs, the better the supplier's ability to obtain the highest price, reduce competition and ultimately increase the cost for NS Power and its customers. The cost of such transparency is not always immediately evident. Information from regulatory proceedings can provide competitive advantages over other suppliers, and that could be advantageous in bidding or negotiation. Higher prices, or avoidable contractual constraints, will result in unnecessarily higher costs to customers.

NS Power seeks to keep the terms and conditions of suppliers pricing and arrangements confidential from their other customers or potential competitors. This prevents competitors from using the information to gain a competitive advantage. This is equally true for NS Power, which desires to protect its ability to acquire services and equipment on the most competitive terms. Those "best" terms may not be available if there is a risk that they will be disclosed to the customers or competitors of the supplier.

This category includes fuel procurement information, plant characteristics which are confidential, and customer-specific information.

This category also includes NS Power's internal budget information. This information is commercially sensitive as it includes business information not publicly disclosed. Knowledge of these details would allow a sophisticated reader, or the investment community, to speculate on the activities and financial results of the Company.

Since NS Power customer rates are cost-based, the maintenance of confidentiality for this item is to the direct benefit of customers.

Studies and Reports

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 2	(1)
2)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 3	(1)
3)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 5	(1)
4)	Partially Confidential SR-01 Attachment 6	(1)

Financial Outlook

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Partially Confidential FO-05 Attachment 1	(1)

Operating Expenses

	Attachment	Confidentiality Reason
1)	Confidential OE-01A Attachment 1	(1)
2)	Confidential OE-01A Attachment 2	(1)
3)	Confidential OE-01C Attachment 1	(1)