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Re: Northern States Power Company Electric Rate Increase Application
Case No. PU-07-776

Dear Mr. Bahr:

At the administrative portion of its regular meeting on 8 October 2008 the Commission discussed the need for a proposed order in this case from the Advocacy Staff, concluded that one should be filed, and asked me to inquire about your availability to prepare such an order and your time frame for doing so. As you may recall, we discussed this on the phone that day, and I provided your responses to the Commission at its Informal Hearing that afternoon.

Although there were several subsequent e-mail communications between our office and yours regarding a draft template for a proposed decision and an example of a similar staff filing, I neglected to send you a written request to prepare and file a proposed decision for advocacy staff. I apologize for this oversight and hope that it has not inconvenienced you.

Please consider this letter confirmation of the commission's request that you prepare and file Advocacy Staff's Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of law and Order in the captioned case at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Best regards,

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General Counsel

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