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29 July 2009

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
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Re: Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence – Nobles
Application
Case No. PU-08-907

Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence – Merricourt
Application
Case No. PU-08-908

Northern States Power Company
150 MW Merricourt Wind Project
Public Convenience & Necessity
Case No. PU-08-910

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned cases.

An Informal Hearing has been scheduled for today concerning Case Numbers PU-08-907 & PU-08-908. The ALJ is not expected to conduct the Informal Hearing.

The reason for requesting the appointment is because a Request for Admission Pro Hac Vice was filed today in an attempt to provide representation at the Informal Hearing. We have advised the company that this may not be possible given the lateness of the request.

The potential for a hearing in case Number PU-08-910 is yet unknown. If or when it is determined a hearing will be held, the Administrative Law Judge would serve as a procedural law judge and the hearing would be electronically recorded.

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If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "I".

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

Enclosures

c: w/encl.

James Alders
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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 03-2001)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Northern States Power Company, Advance Determination of Prudence – Nobles & Merricourt - Applications - (Case Nos. PU-08-907 & PU-08-908) and Northern States Power Co., 150 MW Merricourt Wind Project PC&N (PU-08-910) (e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in N.D.C.C. Chapters 49-03 & Section 49-05-16 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code). Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 2 requests for Advance Determination of Prudence and one request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 54-57-04(6).
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See Attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco	Date 29 July 2009
Signature of Requesting Person X	Telephone Number 701-328-2407

Attachment
Request for ALJ
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