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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
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Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Northern State Power Company
Case Nos. PU-08-907;PU-08-908/PU-08-910
OAH File No. 20090232

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco :

On July 29, 2009, you requested the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Northern States Power Company (actually, three matters - PU-08-907, PU-08-908, and PU-08-910). I was designated to be assigned as a procedural administrative law judge to conduct the hearing, but not to make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or to issue a recommended order. No hearing had been scheduled on these matters. Today, PSC staff informed me that these three matters are now completed, and you sent me two Commission orders dealing with these matters. I understand that, at least for now, these are the final agency orders with regard to these matters, but that the Commission may reopen one or more of these matters at a later date.

Therefore, I am closing our file on these matters and returning that portion of the record I have in my possession to you for filing with the official agency record of these matters.

If these matters are not settled or otherwise disposed of, or if they are reopened, and a new hearing is scheduled, please make a new request for the designation of an administrative law judge for this matter using the appropriate OAH administrative law judge request form. When presiding as a procedural administrative law judge, OAH administrative law judges treat their participation as having ended when the hearing is concluded, canceled, or postponed indefinitely. Accordingly, if a hearing is rescheduled, or if a rehearing is scheduled or the matter reopened, the agency must make a new request and a new administrative law judge designation will be made. Please coordinate acceptable dates for the hearing with the administrative law judge before scheduling the hearing.

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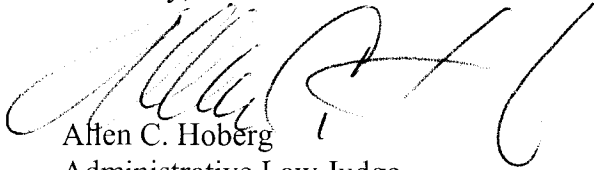
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Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen C. Hoberg", written in a cursive style.

Allen C. Hoberg
Administrative Law Judge

ACH/lmw

Encl.

Cc: Dave Sederquist