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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your June 25, 2009, request of 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, PU-09-216. I hereby designate Al Wahl to be assigned as a temporary administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the temporary administrative law judge will not be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order, the person or persons who will be making the final administrative decision in regard to this matter (*i.e.*, the commission) must be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1707 North 9th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882. I understand the hearing has not yet been scheduled for this matter. Because the administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing when it is scheduled.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20090200. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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cc: Al Wahl, Temporary Administrative Law Judge
Megan Hertzler, Northern States Power Company

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