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12 September 2012

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street, Lower Level
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Northern States Power Company
2011 Electric Rate Increase Application
Case No. PU-10-657

Northern States Power Company
2012 Electric Rate Increase Application
Case No. PU-11-55

Northern States Power Company
Customer Credit - DOE Settlement Application
Case No. PU-11-557

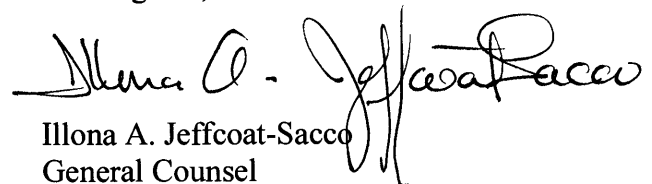
Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned cases. A public hearing will be held 25 September, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capital, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is enclosed.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge and the hearing will be electronically recorded.

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

Best regards,


Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

enclosure

c: w/encl. Mitchell D. Armstrong
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NOTICE OF HEARING

AUGUST 13, 2012

On February 29, 2012, the Commission Ordered Northern States Power Company (NSP) to file a plan for performance-based regulation with metrics to measure and evaluate system reliability, including rate of return incentives/penalties to improve North Dakota service reliability.

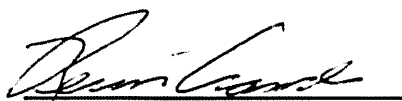
On June 1, 2012, NSP filed a Reliability Performance Plan proposal which provides an incentive for reducing outages; a penalty of \$50 payable to customers experiencing more than 3 outages in a year (does not include major events like storm outages); and customer survey reporting requirements.

A **public hearing** on this case will be held beginning **September 25, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

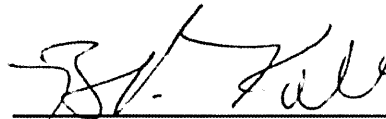
The issue to be considered is whether the proposal is reasonable and prudent and in the best interest of customers.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

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 2011 and 2012 Electric Rate Increase Applications, Case Numbers PU-10-657 & PU-11-55 and NSP Customer Credit - DOE Settlement Application, Case No. PU-11-557

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-05 _____ (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:
 See the Notice of Hearing for more details.

The issue to be considered is whether the proposal is reasonable and prudent and in the best interest of customers.

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 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- 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.)

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| AGENCY See attached | Address | Telephone Number |
| Representation | Address | Telephone Number |
| PARTY | Address | Telephone Number |
| Representation | Address | Telephone Number |
| PARTY | Address | Telephone Number |
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Additional Comments
 A public hearing will be held 25 September, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capital, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota

(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.)

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| Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel | Date 9/12/2012 |
| Signature of Requesting Person <i>x Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i> | Telephone Number (701) 328-2407 |

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 12 September 2012

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| Mark Gruman, PSC Advocacy Staff | 600 E. Blvd. Ave. Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 | 701-328-2421 |
| Representation Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, PSC General Counsel and Advisory Staff | Address 600 E. Blvd. Ave. Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 | Telephone Number 701-328-2407 |
| PARTY Northern States Power Company | Address 2302 Great Northern Drive P O Box 2747 Fargo, ND 58108-2747 | Telephone Number 701-241-8632 |
| Representation Michael Bradley Richard Johnson | Address Moss & Barnett 4800 Wells Fargo Center 90 South 7 th St. Minneapolis, MN 55402 | Telephone Number 612-877-5337 612-877-5275 |
| Representation Matt Loftus, Asst. General Counsel for Xcel Energy Services, Inc. | Address Xcel Energy Services Inc. 414 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor Minneapolis, MN 55401 | Telephone Number 512-478-1327 |