



Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

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Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: 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 case. The Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. We anticipate that this matter will be heard in conjunction with the hearings for the two NSP rate cases, PU-10-657 and PU-11-55, OAH #2011-0014, on 18 October 2011. When the Notice of Hearing is issued, we will forward it to your office.

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

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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, 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 49-02-03 (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:
 NSP petitioned the PSC for an Order approving a credit mechanism for funds received pursuant to

a Settlement with the US DOE, pursuant to PSC authority to supervise and establish just and reasonable rates

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.)

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| AGENCY See attached | Address | Telephone Number |
| Representation | Address | Telephone Number |
| PARTY | Address | Telephone Number |
| Representation | Address | Telephone Number |
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| Representation | Address | Telephone Number |

Additional Comments
 The Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. We anticipate that this matter will be heard in conjunction with the hearings for the two

NSP rate cases on 18 October 2011. When a Notice of Hearing is issued, we will forward it to your office.

(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 16 September 2011 |
| Signature of Requesting Person x <i>Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i> | Telephone Number 701-328-2407 |

Attachment
 Request for ALJ
 16 September 2011

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

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