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19 March 2012

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Northern States Power Company  
Advance Determination of Prudence - Geronimo Wind  
Application  
Case No. PU-12-59

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge in the captioned case. There has not been a Notice of Hearing issued yet but when it becomes available we will forward that to your office. However, there is a trade secret application pending in this case.

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

enclosures  
c: w/encl. Matt Loftus



**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, Advance Determination of Prudence - Geronimo Wind  
 Application - PSC Case No. PU-12-59

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code 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:  
 NSP filed an ADP for a proposed Power Purchase Agreement to purchase 200MW of electric energy from Geronimo Wind Energy LLC, generated at their Prairie Rose wind Project.

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.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments  
 A Notice of Hearing has not been issued yet but when it is 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.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 3/19/2012
Signature of Requesting Person x	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment  
Request for ALJ  
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