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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Northern States Power Cooperative – Manitoba Hydro Application  
Case No. PU-12-70  
OAH File No. 2012-0081

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The PSC held an informal hearing for the captioned case which was completed July 11, 2012. On August 1, 2012, the Commission issued its order that the NSP request for an Advance Determination of Prudence was granted.

No formal hearing was required or had. There does not appear to be any requirement for a procedural hearing officer for the further proceeding to be had for the disposition of the case. Accordingly, I have closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for this case.

The Office of Administrative Hearings was pleased to assist the Public Service Commission and the parties for the matter.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick J. Ward  
Administrative Law Judge

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