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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

North Dakota Public Service Commission (“PSC”) Case No. PU-12-813 was consolidated with PSC Case Nos. PU-13-706, 707, 708, 742, 743, 194 and 195 for purposes of conducting a public hearing to address whether a proposed settlement between Northern States Power Company and PSC Advocacy staff was reasonable and should be adopted by the Commission. The hearing was held January 23, 2014, and conducted by Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Patrick J. Ward. ALJ Ward had initially been designated as the ALJ in Case Nos. PU-13-194 and 195 and by letter dated December 18, 2013, acting Director Bonny M. Fetch designated ALJ Ward to also conduct the hearing in Case Nos. PU-13-706, 707, 708, 742 and 743.

ALJ Bonny M. Fetch was the designated ALJ for Case No. PU-12-813, OAH File No. 20130051, but it is my understanding that this case was to be reassigned to ALJ Ward for purposes of conducting the consolidated hearing. However, the case was inadvertently omitted from the December 18, 2013, designation letter. In order to effectuate the intent of the parties, I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward as the administrative law judge for PSC Case No. PU-12-813, effective as of December 18, 2013.

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann
Director

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Cc: John Hamre, Public Service Commission