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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is in regard to your July 16, 2013, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Otter Tail Power Company (PU-13-79 and PU-13-84) and Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (PU-13-83 and PU-13-85). Originally, I designated Patrick J. Ward as contract administrative law judge in this matter. Due to a conflict of interest, I hereby designate Bonny M. Fetch to be assigned as an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the administrative law judge will not be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order, the person or persons who will be making the final administrative decision in regard to this matter (*i.e.*, the commission) must be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of 2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58501. ALJ Fetch will preside over the hearing scheduled for September 16, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room at the State Capitol. Because the administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20130326. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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cc: Bruce Gerhardson, Otter Tail Power Company
Daniel Kuntz, MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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