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17 November 2015

Wade Mann, Director  
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| Re: Northern States Power Company<br>2013 Electric Rate Increase<br>Application                                     | Case No. PU-12-813 |
| Northern States Power Company<br>Advance Prudence – NG Generators<br>Application                                    | Case No. PU-13-194 |
| Northern States Power Company<br>Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 - Hankinson, ND<br>Public Convenience & Necessity  | Case No. PU-13-195 |
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Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - 345 MW Mankato Energy Center  
Application

Case No. PU-15-096

Dear Mr. Mann:

Enclosed are 8 requests for an Administrative Law Judge for 8 of the captioned 9 cases. An ALJ is currently assigned for the 9<sup>th</sup> case, Case No. PU-15-096. We intend that these cases be heard on a consolidated basis, but we did not incorporate that into the Motion issuing the Notice. We anticipate making that correction soon.

A public hearing on the settlement is scheduled for 15 December 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. central time, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor of the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,



Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco  
General Counsel

enclosures

c: w/encl. David Sederquist  
Zeviel Simpser  
John Schuh  
Mitch Armstrong  
Brian Schmidt  
Blaine Johnson



**REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION**  
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

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Case No. PU-13-706

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

November 4, 2015

On September 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff filed a Settlement Agreement to address electric generation resource policy differences that exist between NSP's North Dakota and Minnesota jurisdictions.


The Agreement provides an opportunity to address North Dakota's energy policy goals and other matters, such as:

- Accelerating NSP's commitment to locate thermal electric generation in North Dakota from 2036 to 2025.
- Excluding 17 existing Community Based Energy Development and small solar purchased power agreements from cost recovery in North Dakota.
- Extending the current electric rate moratorium through 2017.
- Including cost recovery for NSP's existing biomass purchase power agreements.
- Refunding an estimated \$20 million to customers if NSP fails to achieve its generation commitment by the end of 2025.
- Continuing to use the 12 coincident peaks method for assigning generation and transmission costs among the states served by NSP through 2025.

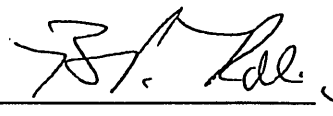
A **Public Hearing** on the settlement is scheduled to begin **December 15, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor of the **State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**. The issue to be considered is whether the settlement is reasonable and should be adopted by the Commission.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

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John Schuh, Advocacy Staff Counsel	Same as above	701-328-2421

Attachment  
Request for ALJ  
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