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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your December 17, 2013, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matters of Northern States Power Company, PU-13-706, PU-13-707, PU-13-708, PU-13-742, AND PU-13-743. I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the contract 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 contract administrative law judge in care of Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502-1695 I understand the hearing is scheduled for January 23, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room at the State Capitol. Because the contract 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. 20130559. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Bonny M. Fetch
Lead ALJ/Acting Director

BMF/lmw

cc: Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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