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14 January 2015

Wade Mann, Director
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
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Re:
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Advance Prudence Application – Thunder Spirit Wind Project
Case No. PU-14-843

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Public Convenience and Necessity – Thunder Spirit Wind Project
Case No. PU-14-844

Dear Mr. Mann:

Enclosed are two requests for an Administrative Law Judge for the captioned cases. We anticipate consolidation of these cases for hearing. The cases are in their early stages and as of yet, there hasn't been a Notice of Hearing issued in either case. When a Notice becomes available we will forward it to your office.

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

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c: w/encl. Dan Kuntz
Garret Senger
Tamie Aberle

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

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence - Thunder Spirit Wind Project - Application
 PSC Case No. PU-14-843

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-16 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 On 22 December 2014 MDU filed an Application for Advance Determination of Prudence (ADP)
 for the Thunder Spirit Wind Project located in Adams County.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY	Address	Telephone Number
See attached		
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The case is in its early stage and as of yet, there hasn't been a Notice of Hearing issued. When the Notice of Hearing is issued, a copy will be forwarded to your office.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel	Date 1/13/2015
Signature of Requesting Person x <i>Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i>	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment
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Representation Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco General Counsel Commission Advisory Staff	Address Same as above	Telephone Number 701-328-2407
PARTY Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	Address 400 North Fourth Street Bismarck, ND 58501	Telephone Number 701-222-7854
Representation Daniel S. Kuntz Associate General Counsel Tamie Aberle Regulatory Affairs Manager	Address MDU Resources Group, Inc. PO Box 5650 Bismarck, ND 58506-5650	Telephone Number 701-530-1016 701-222-7856



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(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Section 49-03-01 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 On 22 December 2014 MDU filed an Application for Public Convenience and Necessity
 for the Thunder Spirit Wind Project located in Adams County.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
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