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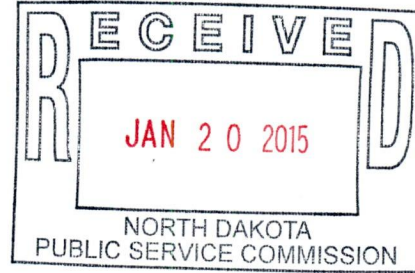
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your January 14, 2015, requests of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct hearings in the matters of Montana Dakota Utilities - Thunder Spirit Wind Project, Case No. PU-14-843 and PU-14-844. I hereby designate Janet Demarais Seaworth 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 P O Box 7127, Bismarck, ND 58507-7127; telephone (701) 258-8098, fax (701) 258-8098. Please contact the contract administrative law judge prior to scheduling the hearing. Because the contract administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing.

**Your requests have been assigned OAH File Nos. 20150026 (PU-14-843) and 20150033 (PU-14-844). Please include these numbers on all future documents and correspondence filed for these matters with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann  
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cc: Daniel Kuntz, Montana Dakota Utilities  
Janet Demarais Seaworth, Administrative Law Judge