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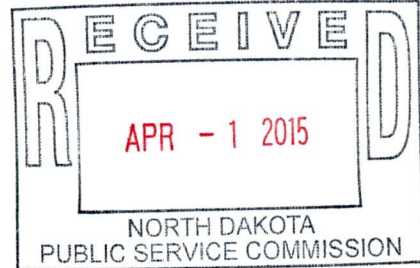
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Re: Montana Dakota Utilities PU-14-843 / Montana Dakota Utilities PU-14-844  
OAH File No. 20150026 / 20150033

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding 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 Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter.

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; telephone (701) 223-2711, fax (701) 223-7387. ALJ Ward will preside over the previously scheduled hearing on May 14, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

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