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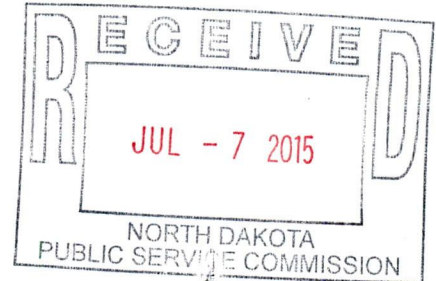
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding your February 25, 2015, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Northern States Power Company; PU-15-95. I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as 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 administrative law judge in care of Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502-1695. ALJ Ward will preside over the hearing scheduled for July 21, 2015.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20150093. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann  
Director

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cc: Dave Sederquist, Northern States Power Company