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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding your May 7, 2015, and May 18, 2015, requests for the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matters of Northern State Power Company / PU-15-181, PU-15-183 and PU-15-175. 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 previously scheduled hearing on July 23, 2015.

**Your requests were assigned OAH File No. 20150210 (PU-15-181), 20150211 (PU-15-175), and 20150231 (PU-15-183). Please include these numbers on all future documents and correspondence filed for these matters with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann  
Director

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cc: Dave Sederquist  
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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