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18 May 2015

Wade Mann, Director
Office of Administrative Hearings
2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
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Re: Northern States Power Company
Discontinue Prudence – Courtenay Wind Farm PPA
Application

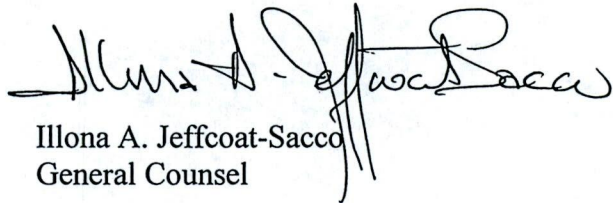
Case No. PU-15-183

Dear Mr. Mann:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge for the captioned case. This case has been consolidated for hearing with Northern States Power Company, 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC Case No. PU-15-175, OAH #2015-0211 and Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm Application, PSC Case No. PU-15-181, OAH #2015-0210. The Notice of Consolidated Hearings is attached.

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. Dave Sederquist
SaGonna Thompson

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Request for Administrative Law Judge



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 Northern States Power Company, Discontinue Prudence, Courtenay Wind Farm PPA,
Application, PSC Case No. PU-15-183

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in N.D.C.C. Section 49-05-16(5) & Section 49-02-02 (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:
 Northern States Power Company filed an Application to own and operate the Courtenay Wind Farm Project and NSP
 requests that the Commission determine that the finding of advance prudence for the PPA should not continue

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 See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The case has been consolidated for hearing with OAH # 2015-0211 and OAH # 2015-0210. The Notice of Consolidated Hearing is enclosed.

(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 5/18/2015
Signature of Requesting Person x <i>Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco</i>	Telephone Number (701) 328-2407

Attachment
Request for ALJ
18 May 2015

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-15-175

**Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm
Application**

Case No. PU-15-181

**Northern States Power Company
Discontinue Prudence – Courtenay Wind Farm PP
Application**

Case No. PU-15-183

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING

May 13, 2015

On April 30, 2015, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the 200 MW Courtenay Wind Farm Project (Courtenay Project) in Stutsman County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-15-175,

On May 6, 2015, NSP filed an application for an Advanced Determination of Prudence for the proposed Courtenay Project resource addition, Case No. PU-15-181.

On May 11, 2015, NSP filed an application to discontinue the Advanced Determination of Prudence previously granted by the Commission in Case No. PU-13-706 for a Power Purchase from Courtenay Wind Project, LLC, Case No. PU-15-183,

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission is consolidating these cases under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

A consolidated **Public Hearing** on these cases is scheduled to begin **July 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505.

The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-15-175 are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction and operation of the public utility plant or system.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

The issue to be determined in Case No. PU-15-181 is whether NSP's proposed resource addition is prudent.

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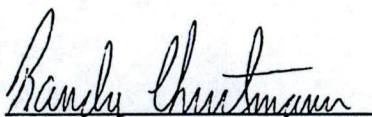
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The issues to be determined in Case No. PU-15-183 are:

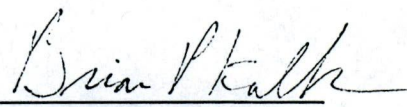
1. Whether the Courtenay Wind Power Purchase Agreement resource addition determined to be prudent by the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order Adopting Settlement in Case No. PU-13-706 is no longer prudent.
2. Whether the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order Adopting Settlement in Case No. PU-13-706 should be modified.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

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