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I read Mr. Brogan's letter.

Please note that my letter of November 8 to hearing officer/Commission counsel de Hueck was not *ex parte*, by definition, as copies went to all counsel involved. Even so, the Commission is the decision maker, not Mr. de Hueck. The letter was not sent to the Commission. Mr. Brogan's description of the letter as *ex parte* is incorrect.

My proposed resolution of the case was conditioned on concluding the matter without findings and conclusions, which NorthWestern finds unacceptable. Given NorthWestern's position, Mr. Uda and I must of necessity consult with our client and decide on a proposed course of action. We will be back to you in a few days.

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Comments: Attached for filing, and as service upon those in the Commission service list, please find a copy of a letter from Al Brogan to Patricia Van Gerpen and a Certificate of Service in matter EL16-021.

Thank you and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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