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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your June 12, 2009, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Dakota Westmoreland Corporation, RC-08-612. I hereby designate myself, Allen C. Hoberg, to be assigned as administrative law judge to conduct the hearing, make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue a recommended order in regard to this matter.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge at 1707 North 9th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. I will preside over the hearing scheduled for July 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission hearing room at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20090183. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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cc: Jesse Noel, Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
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