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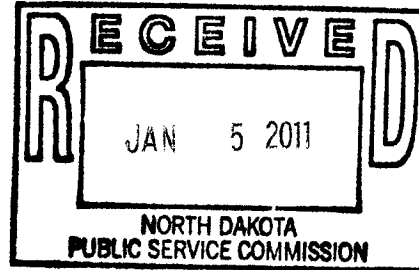
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your December 30, 2010, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of BNI Coal, Ltd., RC-08-694. 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 2911 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58503. Please check with the administrative law judge prior to setting a hearing date.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20110003. 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: Jay Volk, BNI Coal, Ltd. w/OAH Informational Guide  
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