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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your February 23, 2009, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of West Ottertail Corporation, PU-08-862. I hereby designate Al Wahl to be assigned as an temporary administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the temporary 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 temporary administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1707 North 9th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882. I understand the hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. Because the temporary administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20090063. 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: Al Wahl, Temporary Administrative Law Judge
Bruce Gerhardson, Otter Tail Corporation