



**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

1707 North 9th Street

Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882

Allen C. Hoberg  
DIRECTOR

701-328-3260  
Fax 701-328-3254  
oah@nd.gov  
www.nd.gov/oah

January 20, 2009

**RECEIVED**

Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco  
General Counsel  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

JAN 21 2009  
31263  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your January 15, 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 <sup>BC</sup> DC-08-927. 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 understand the Informal Conference is scheduled for February 10, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20090022. 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

ACH/lmw

cc: Dakota Westmoreland Corporation