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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your March 2, 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 Resource Council, et. al. vs. GTL Dakota Plant 1 LLC. I hereby designate Al Wahl to be assigned as a temporary administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the 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 138 East Edmonton Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503. I understand the hearing has not yet been scheduled. Because the administrative law judge is requested to conduct the hearing only, the agency must give proper notice of the hearing when it is scheduled.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20090071. 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
- Derrick L. Braaten, counsel for Dakota Resource Council, et. al.
- Paul Blackburn, counsel for Dakota Resource Council, et. al.
- Brian R. Bjella, counsel for GTLE Dakota Plant 1, LLC