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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your October 8, 2009, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Hawthorne Oil Transportation, Inc. (PU-09-153). I hereby designate myself, Allen C. Hoberg, to be assigned as an 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 administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1707 North 9th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-1882. I understand the hearing will be scheduled at an October 14, 2009, Commission meeting. **Please contact me prior to setting the hearing date so that hearing date conflicts can be avoided.** Because the 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. 20090318. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen C. Hoberg".

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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Letter Designating Administrative Law Judge

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cc: Lawrence Bender, counsel for Hawthorne Oil Transportation