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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This is in regard to 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). Originally, I designated myself, Allen C. Hoberg, to be assigned as an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Due to scheduling conflicts, I hereby designate Bonny M. Fetch to be assigned administrative law judge in 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. Judge Fetch will preside at the hearing which we understand is now scheduled for November 30, 2009, in Stanley, North Dakota. 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,

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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cc: Lawrence Bender, counsel for Hawthorne Oil Transportation