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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel
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600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your April 12, 2011, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of South Heart Coal, LLC, RC-10-77. 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 2911 North 14th Street - Suite 303, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503. The ALJ will preside over the hearing scheduled on June 28, 2011, and June 29, 2011

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20110154. 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 South Heart Coal, LLC

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Letter designating Administrative Law Judge