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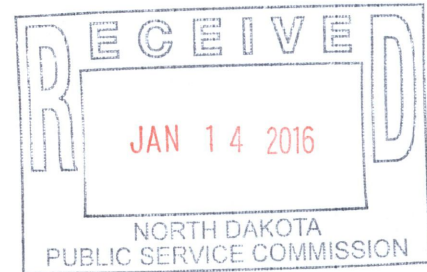
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Re: South Heart Coal, LLC / RC-10-77
OAH File No. 20110154

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding 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. Wade C. Mann was designated as the ALJ. Because he is no longer available as an ALJ, I designated myself, Timothy J. Dawson, as administrative law judge in 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.

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,

Timothy J. Dawson
Director

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cc: Lawrence Bender, counsel for South Heart Coal, LLC
Carrie La Seur, Plains Justice