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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
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Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Highland Operating, LLC, PU-10-554
OAH File No. 20110324

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed are the original Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order in regard to the above titled matter. If the Commission agrees with my recommendations, it may issue a final Order adopting my recommendations and serve it on the parties. Alternatively, the Commission may issue its own findings of fact and conclusions of law and its own separate order based on them.

Please send me a copy of the Commission's final Order. Also, please send me a copy of the findings of fact and conclusions of law upon which the order is based, if they are different from my recommended findings and conclusions.

Please send me a copy of any decision or order issued by the district court or the supreme court as a result of an appeal of this matter.

I am closing our file and returning that portion of the record I have in my possession to you for filing with the official agency record of this matter, as appropriate. I have already returned the hearing tape and the hearing exhibits to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Allen C. Hoberg
Administrative Law Judge

ACH/lmw

Encl.

cc: Mollie M. Smith, counsel for Hiland Operating, LLC
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