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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your February 24, 2011, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Bear Paw Energy, LLC, PU-10-666. I hereby designate Al Wahl to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the contract 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 contract administrative law judge in care of 138 East Edmonton Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503. I understand the hearing is has not yet been scheduled. Please contact the contract administrative law judge prior to scheduling. 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. 20110080. 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: John W. Morrison, counsel for Bear Paw Energy, LLC  
Al Wahl, Administrative Law Judge