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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This is in regard to your September 24, 2012, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Montana Dakota Utilities, PU-11-631. Originally, I designated Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge in this matter. Due to a conflict of interest, I hereby designate myself, Allen C. Hoberg, to conduct the hearing in regard to 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 contract administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58503. Please contact the administrative law judge prior to scheduling the hearing. 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. 20120382. 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: Daniel S. Kuntz, Montana Dakota Utilities
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge