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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Public Service Commission  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: PSC v. Shores Companies, Inc.; GS-12-31  
OAH File No. 20120360

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The letter is in reference to your September 14, 2012, request for the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Public Service Commission v. Shores Companies, Inc. (GS-12-31). I designated Patrick J. Ward as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter as a procedural hearing officer.

By Motion on October 10, 2012, the Public Service Commission has requested a substantive hearing officer to be designated to conduct the hearing, make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue a recommended order in regard to this matter. I designate ALJ Ward pursuant to the Commission's Motion.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated contract administrative law judge in care of Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502-1695. I understand the hearing scheduled for October 31, 2012, is canceled and that ALJ Ward will schedule a new hearing in consultation with the Commission.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20120360. 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: Dennis Shores, Shores Companies, Inc. w/OAH Informational Guide  
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative law Judge