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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mark Gruman  
Legal Counsel  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Gruman:

This is in regard to your April 20, 2012, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of BEK Communications Cooperative, PU-12-160. Originally, I designated myself, Allen C. Hoberg, Due to caseload considerations, I designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as an administrative law judge preside in this matter. We understand that the administrative law judge will be procedural and therefore the commission will need to be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of the Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-1695. Please contact the administrative law judge prior to setting the hearing date. We understand that the agency will give proper notice of the hearing.

**Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20120168. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen C. Hoberg".

Allen C. Hoberg  
Director

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Cc: Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge