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Mark Gruman
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600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Mr. Gruman:

Thank you for 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. I hereby designate myself, Allen C. Hoberg, to be assigned as an administrative law judge preside in this matter. You state that it is unknown whether the administrative law judge will be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503. Whether the ALJ is the substantive or procedural hearing officer, please contact the administrative law judge prior to setting the hearing date. We understand that unless the ALJ is notified otherwise, 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 "A. C. Hoberg", written over a horizontal line.

Allen C. Hoberg
Director

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