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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your October 23, 2013, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC, PU-13-799. I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward 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 Zuger Kirmis & Smith, P O Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502-1695 I understand the hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2013, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in Dickinson. Because the contract 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. 20130481. 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: Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC
 Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge