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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your November 25, 2014, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Coyote Creek Mining Company, LLC, RC-13-850. 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 scheduled for December 19, 2014, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the PSC Hearing Room at the State Capitol in Bismarck. 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. 20140505. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

Wade C. Mann
Director

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cc: Brian Bjella, counsel for Coyote Creek Mining Company
Derrick Braaten, counsel for Casey Voight
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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Letter designating Administrative Law Judge

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