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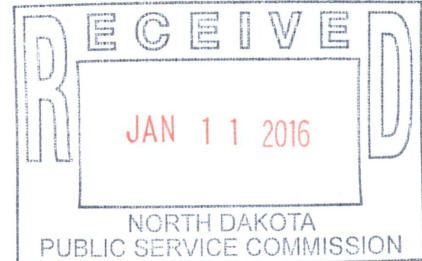
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Re: NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, LP / PU-15-674
OAH File No. 20150501

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding your October 7, 2015, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership / Case No. PU-15-674. Rosellen M. Sand is unable to conduct the hearing, so I hereby designate Allen C. Hoberg to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter on January 21, 2016, in Fargo, ND. 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.

We have a copy of the 128 page application that we will provide to Mr. Hoberg. Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated contract administrative law judge in care of 2023 Catherine Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20150501. Please include this number on all future documents and correspondence filed for this matter with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

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cc: Zachary Pelham, Special Assistant Attorney General
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Allen C. Hoberg, Administrative Law Judge

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