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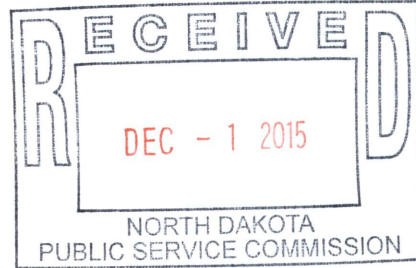
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your November 25, 2015, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company, LLC / PU-15-720. 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 Please contact the contract administrative law judge prior to scheduling the hearing. 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. 20150604. 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: Danielle Krause, counsel for Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company, LLC.
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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