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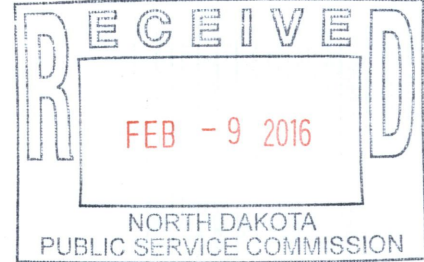
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Re: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company, LLC / Case No. PU-15-720
OAH File No. 20150604

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

This letter is regarding your November 25, 2015, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Commission's December 16, 2015, Motion to appoint the designated administrative law judge to preside as a substantive hearing officer in the above matter. I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter and to issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommended order.

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,

Timothy J. Dawson
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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Letter designating substantive Administrative Law Judge

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