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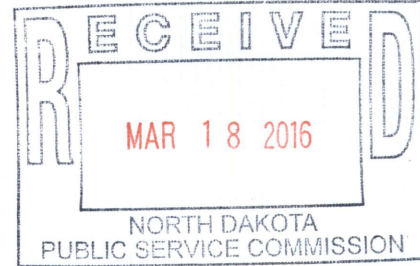
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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your March 15, 2016, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matters of Oliver Wind III, LLC / PU-16-122 and PU-16-123. 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 have been assigned OAH File Nos. 20160148 (PU-16-122) and 20160149 (PU-16-123). Please include these numbers on all future documents and correspondence filed for these matters with the Office of Administrative Hearings.**

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Dawson  
Director

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cc: Mitchell Armstrong, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Dassinger, counsel for Oliver Wind III, LLC  
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge