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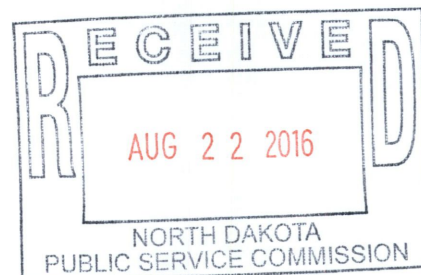
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Thank you for your August 17, 2016, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Caliber Bear Den Interconnect LLC / PU-16-420. I hereby designate Patrick J. Ward to be assigned as a contract administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter, issue recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and a recommended order in regard to this matter.

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.

Your request has been assigned OAH File No. 20160451. 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: Wade Mann, counsel for Caliber Bear Den Interconnect LLC
Mitchell Armstrong, Special Assistant Attorney General
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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