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Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

On July 10, 2018, you requested the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of ELPC & DRC v. Meridian Energy Group (PU-18-223) (OAH File No. 20180356). Patrick J Ward was originally assigned to act as procedural administrative law judge in this matter. Pursuant to the Commission Motion dated September 5, 2018, to designate the presiding ALJ as a substantive ALJ, I hereby reassign Patrick J. Ward to act as administrative law judge to conduct the hearing, make recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, and issue a recommended order in regard to this matter.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of Zuger, Kirmis & Smith, PO Box 1695, Bismarck, ND 58502. I understand the Commission will schedule the hearing and issue the notice.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Dawson
Director

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cc: Braaten Law Partners
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Meridian Energy Group, Inc.
Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge

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Letter designating Substantive ALJ – Patrick Ward