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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING
THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF
OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (hereinafter "West Virginia DNR") has requested legal representation in conjunction with the acquisition of property situated in Kanawha County. More specifically, the West Virginia DNR is in need of an attorney to abstract the title, prepare a title report, prepare the deed and hold the closing on or before September 13, 2013.

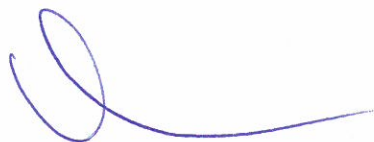
Pursuant to the Written Determination issued on July 30, 2013, the Office of the Attorney General determined that it was both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist the West Virginia DNR with the needed legal services. A Request for Proposals (RFP # 009) was issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy # WVAG0-004).

As of the August 15, 2013, deadline for proposals, the Office of the Attorney General received three timely proposals for legal services from Hanna & Hanna, PLLC, Ziegler & Ziegler, L.C. and Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC. After review of the proposals, and consultation with the West Virginia DNR, the Office has determined that:

- All of the bidding law firms possess the requisite skills and expertise needed to handle the legal matter in question;
- All of the bidding law firms possess the requisite staffing and support to handle the scope of the legal matter in question;
- All the bidding law firms appear to be in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of West Virginia, and have not been subject to reprimand by the West Virginia State Bar, or other entities, for unethical conduct;
- Hanna & Hanna, PLLC, submitted the lowest proposal for fees, costs and expenses to perform the legal services requested;
- Hanna & Hanna, PLLC, is located in the geographic area where the services are to be performed (Kanawha County);
- Hanna & Hanna, PLLC, is willing to perform the necessary title work for a flat fee of \$950.00 plus minimal recording and copying fees; and

- The proposal of Hanna & Hanna, PLLC is nearly fifty percent lower than the next qualified bid.

Based on the factors set forth above, and consultation with the West Virginia DNR, the Office of the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of Hanna & Hanna, PLLC, to serve as outside counsel for the legal matters cited herein pursuant to subsection (E) of Policy #WVAG0- 004.



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Dated: August 22, 2013