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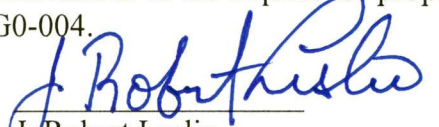
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT
OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION AGENCY**

The West Virginia Conservation Agency (hereinafter the "WVCA") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to assist with legal work necessary to comply with various requirements of the National Resources Conservation Service including, but not limited to, ascertaining land rights in order to obtain and distribute federal funds to aid in clean-up efforts after the recent extensive flooding.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAG0- 004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the Office's representation of the WVCA in the above-cited matter, based on the following factors:

- The WVCA's volume of needed legal work exceeds the Office of the Attorney General's current staffs' capabilities.
- There is an immediate need for the required legal services which must be performed in order for the WVCA to expeditiously and efficiently provide needed restorative services.
- The needed legal services are to be provided in as many as 44 counties across the state of West Virginia.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the required legal services without the assistance of outside counsel.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAG0-004.



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Date Signed: July 5, 2016