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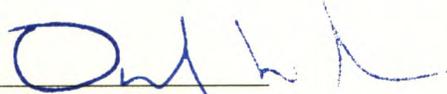
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF  
OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

The West Virginia Department of Commerce, through its Division of Natural Resources, has requested legal representation to assist the Department with a review and analysis of miscellaneous oil and gas issues.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-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 the Department of Commerce with the legal matter set forth herein, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in oil and gas law that is not sufficiently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- The legal services requested would require a significant time commitment from the Office of the Attorney General to familiarize itself with oil and gas law generally.
- The geographic area where the services are to be performed is Kanawha County.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services at this time.

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

  
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Date Signed: September 5, 2014