IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 10-cv-02387-WJM-MEH

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

WESTERN TRADING COMPANY, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER OF RECUSAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §455(a), a Magistrate Judge shall disqualify himself under the following circumstance:

Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

Based on my prior contact with the principal of the Defendant, I believe that my impartiality may reasonably questioned. Consequently, in an effort to serve the ends of justice and to avoid any appearance of impropriety, I hereby recuse myself from service in this matter. I direct the Clerk of the Court to cause this matter to be reassigned by random draw to another Magistrate Judge.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2011, in Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

Michael E. Hegarty

United States Magistrate Judge

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