

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Coteau Properties Company**  
**Renewal No. 1, Permit NACT-0201**  
**Approval**

**Case No. RC-08-926**

**RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN**  
**SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**


**April 13, 2009**

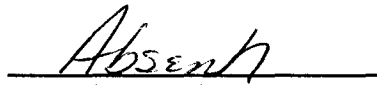
Based on the application received December 12, 2008, Renewal Number 1 to Permit Number NACT-0201 is hereby granted to The Coteau Properties Company to renew the permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated there under, on the following described areas:

**Portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, T144N, R88W; Sections 1 and 12, T144N, R89W; Sections 30, 31 and 32, T145N, R87W; and Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, T145N, R88W, Mercer County, totaling 17,050.9635 acres.**

This five year permit renewal will allow The Coteau Properties Company to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans for this permit area at the Freedom Mine until April 14, 2014. Permit No. NACT-0201 and other permits for the Freedom Mine are currently covered by collateral and self bonds in the amount of \$88,000,000.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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