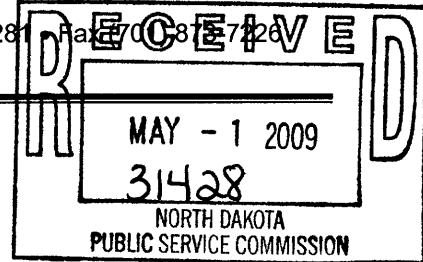


THE COTEAU
PROPERTIES COMPANY
A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION

FREEDOM MINE
204 County Road 15
Beulah, North Dakota 58523-9475
(701) 873-2281 Fax: (701) 873-7126



April 30, 2009

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

Date: _____

Action: _____

Info. Only: _____

Info & File: _____

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are affidavits of publication from the Beulah Beacon, Hazen Star, and The Bismarck Tribune. These affidavits are for the renewal of Permit NACT-8401.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

Lisa D. Ryan CPS/CAP
Office Administrator

LDR
Enc.



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF Mercer)

I SHELLEY CHASE, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the Beulah Beacon, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Beulah, that the advertisement headed:

COTEAU PROPERTIES/LISA RYAN BH-COT0376182 RENEWAL OF PERMIT AND MAP/LEGAL

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

for 4 consecutive week 04/09/2009 to wit:

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Column Inches 20.25 | \$5.25 | \$106.31 | 03/19/2009 |
| Column Inches 20.25 | \$5.25 | \$106.31 | 03/26/2009 |
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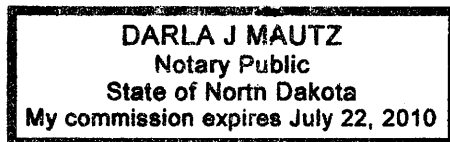
Notary Fee \$1.00 Total Cost of Legal \$431.31

Shelley Chase

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April A.D. 2009

(Seal) Darla J. Mautz
Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF Mercer)

I SHELLEY CHASE, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the Hazen Star, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Hazen, that the advertisement headed:

COTEAU PROPERTIES/LISA RYAN HZ-RENEWAL PERMIT & MAP/LEGAL/#COTO376182

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

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Notary Fee \$1.00 Total Cost of Legal \$426.24

Shelley Chase

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(Seal) *Darla J. Mautz*

Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires

DARLA J MAUTZ
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My commission expires July 22, 2010

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COTEAU PROPERTIES CO
LISA RYAN
204 COUNTY RD 15
BEULAH ND 58523

Customer: 60022901
Phone: (701) 873-2281
Date: 04/09/2009

| Date | Order # | Type | Order Amt |
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| 04/09/09 | 20354573 | INV | 996.00 |

Amount Paid: _____ CK #: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (circle one)



Card #: _____
Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____
Credit card users: Fax to 701-223-6584

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TOP PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

| Date | Date | Times Run | Description | Lines | Class Code | Order Amt | Net Amt Due |
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| 03/19/09 | 04/09/09 | 4 | COT0376181 / 603769 Bismarck Tribune | 70.00 | Legals | 996.00 | 996.00 |

Affidavit of Publication
State of North Dakota, SS County of Burleigh
Before me, a Notary Public for the State of North Dakota
personally appeared [Signature] who being duly sworn, deposes
and says that he (she) is the Clerk of Bismarck Tribune Co.,
and that the publication(s) were made through the
Bismarck Tribune on the following date:
3/19/09 - 4/9/09. Signed [Signature]
sworn and subscribed to before me this
day of April 2009.
[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of North Dakota

DARCI ELLWEIN
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Dec. 5, 2014

Please return invoice or put order number on check. Thank You.

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| Remarks | Total Due: 996.00 |
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