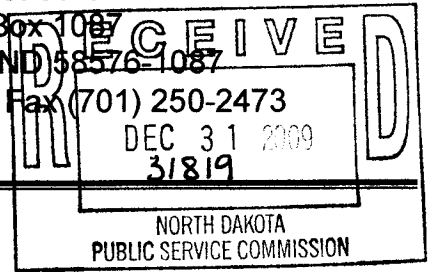


**NORTH AMERICAN**  
**COAL**  
CORPORATION  
**FALKIRK MINE**

12.31.09  
FK-12-80-09 submitted (51819)

**THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY**  
2801 1st St. SW  
P.O. Box 1087  
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December 30, 2009

Mr. James R. Deutsch  
Reclamation Director  
ND State Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

DEPT. DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

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**RE: Submittal of Revision 19 to NAFK-9503**

Dear <sup>JR</sup>Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are a completed application form and 3 compact discs containing Revision 19 to Falkirk's Riverdale NAFK-9503 Mining Permit. This revision contains a revised mine plan depicting Falkirk's plans to mine lands up to the GRE transmission line which connects Coal Creek Station to Stanton Station located west of the current permit area. The post-mining topography and reclamation schedule are based upon this updated mine plan and result in changes to the post-mining topography and reclamation schedules within the permit area.

If you have any questions, please call me at 250-2403.

Sincerely,

**THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY**

D. Randall Crooke  
Environmental Manager

DRC/dge  
Enc.



**APPLICATION FOR REVISION OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN  
SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
RECLAMATION DIVISION  
SFN 10562 (1-2004)

12-31-09  
Rev 9 application (3819)

Date	December 30, 2009
Revision Number	19
State	ND
Zip Code	58576

Name of Company, Corporation, Partnership, or Individual The Falkirk Mining Company	Permit Number NAFK-9503	Revision Number 19	
Address 2801 1st Street SW	City Underwood	State ND	Zip Code 58576

The above named hereby makes application for the above Revision Number to: (include a brief description of the surface coal mining and reclamation operation being revised.  
This revision contains a revised mine plan depicting Falkirk's plans to mine lands up to the Great River Energy (GRE) transmission line which connects Coal Creek Station to Stanton Station located west of the current permit area. The post-mining topography and reclamation schedule are based upon this updated mine plan and result in changes to the post-mining topography and reclamation schedules within the permit area.

Attached to this Permit Revision Application are a narrative describing the proposed permit revision, reasons for requesting the revision, and appropriate maps, cross-sections, graphs, construction details, revised reclamation plans and other data which demonstrate compliance with Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, and the permit conditions of the approved permit. If an incidental boundary revision involving an acreage adjustment is being requested as part of the permit revision application, the following information shall be included (attach a copy of a metes and bounds description):

NAME OF MINE	ACRES	LOCATION			
		SEC.	TWP.	RANGE	COUNTY
The Falkirk Mine	-0-				
ADDRESS					
2801 1st Street SW					
Underwood, ND 58576					
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>-0-</b>				

Based upon the proposed changes and any incidental boundary revisions to the permit as stated herein, a new or adjusted bond, or its equivalent, duly executed in accordance with Section 38-14.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-05.2-12 of the North Dakota Administrative Code will be delivered to the Public Service Commission prior to issuance of the surface coal mining and reclamation operations permit herein requested. A check for filing fees, pursuant to Section 38-14.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, in the amount of \$ -0-, is included with the revision application.

Name of Official Authorized to Represent the Applicant  
D. Randall Crooke, Environmental Manager

- I, the above named, certify that:
- All information and documents required by Sections 38-14.1-13, 38-14.1-14, and 38-14.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, are submitted as part of this permit application;
  - Information and documentation contained in the permit application affirmatively demonstrate that:
    - The permit revision application is accurate and complete and all the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code have been complied with;
    - Reclamation as required by Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code can be accomplished under the reclamation plan contained in this permit revision application;

- c. An assessment of the probable cumulative impact of all anticipated mining in the general area on the hydrologic balance as specified in subdivision o of subsection 1 of Section 38-14.1-14 has been made and the proposed operation has been designed to prevent material damage to the hydrologic balance both on and off the mine site;
  - d. The area proposed to be affected is not included within an area designated unsuitable for all or certain types of surface coal mining and is not within an area under study for such designation in an administrative proceeding;
  - e. The proposed surface coal mining operation will not interrupt, discontinue or preclude farming on alluvial valley floors that are irrigated or naturally subirrigated and will not materially damage the quantity or quality of water in surface or underground water systems that supply these alluvial valley floors; and
  - f. The permit revision applicant has the legal right to surface mine the land for which this permit revision application is made and all of the requirements of Chapter 38-18 of the North Dakota Century Code have been complied with.
3. The area proposed to be affected is not included within an area where mining is prohibited pursuant to Section 38-14.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code; unless specifically allowed in accordance with the provisions of Section 69-05.2-04-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code; and
  4. The surface coal mining and reclamation operations contained in this permit revision application will be carried out at all times in a manner which ensures that all of the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, and any permit conditions attached thereto are complied with.

Signature of Official <i>D Randall Crooke</i>	Title Environmental Manager
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**VERIFICATION**

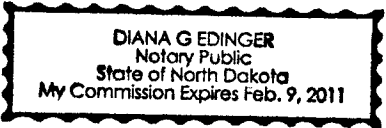
I, E. Brett Schafer, being first and duly sworn, verify that the information contained in this Permit Revision Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Official <i>E. Brett Schafer</i>	Title Vice President
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STATE OF North Dakota )  
 COUNTY OF McLean )ss.

Subscribed and Sworn before me, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

(SEAL)



*Diana G. Edinger*  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: Feb. 9, 2011