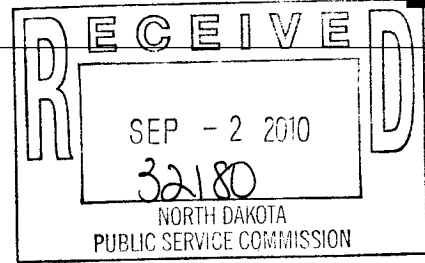


**BASIN COOPERATIVE SERVICES**

A BASIN ELECTRIC SUBSIDIARY

GLENHAROLD MINE  
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August 31, 2010

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

Re: Bond Release No. 3 – Permit CCGH-8003

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed is the affidavit of publication from the Center Republican.

If you have questions, please contact me at the following address.

Leland Olds Power Station  
3901 Hwy 200 A  
Stanton, North Dakota 58571-9417

Phone no: 701-745-7242  
Email: dnilson@bepc.com

Sincerely,

David J. Nilson  
Reclamation Administrator

Attachment

cc: Permit CCGH-8003  
Mike Murray

FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Info. Only: \_\_\_\_\_

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA )  
 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF OLIVER )

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

DAVID NILSON/BASIN ELECTRIC FILING BOND RELEASES/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 08/05/10 to wit:

24	133.68	07/15/2010
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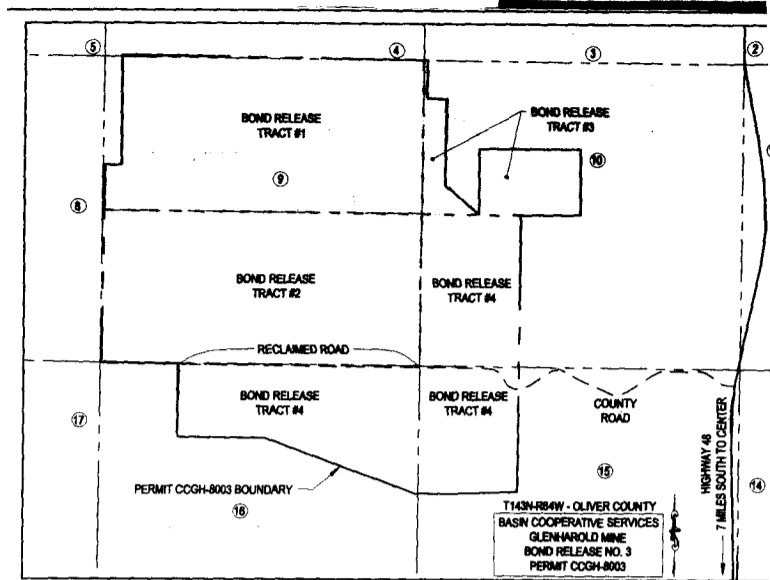
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August A.D. 2010.

(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, 2016



**NOTICE OF FILING FOR FINAL BOND RELEASES:**  
**Bond Release No. 3 to Permit CCGH-8003**  
**SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS**  
**BASIN COOPERATIVE SERVICES - GLENHAROLD MINE**

Basin Cooperative Services, 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 has filed an application with the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Bond Release No. 3 to Permit CCGH-8003. This application includes 4 tracts within Oliver County. Tracts are located in sections 9, 10, 15 and 16 of T143N, R84W. Tract locations are shown on the accompanying map. The total combined area of all tracts is 1,018.5 acres. BCS is requesting a combination of bond release stages including backfilling and grading, soil respreading, vegetation establishment and final release.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved Permit CCGH-8003 on June 15, 1981. Initial disturbance began in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr of 1981 and mining began in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr of 1982. Mining was completed in January of 1992. All disturbance areas were graded and seeded during a period from 1986 through 2000.

All areas were reclaimed according to reclamation requirements effective at the time of disturbance and reclamation plans were approved by the Public Service Commission. All tracts are subject to the more stringent mining and reclamation laws that became effective in 1979. Reclamation operations included the reestablishment of native grassland, native woodlands, hayland and cropland.

**Tract 1**

This tract is located in the N2 of section 9 and is owned by Basin Cooperative Services. Mine development activities began in the fall of 1981 including soil removal and pond development work. Mining occurred from August of 1982 through January of 1985. Grading, soil replacement, revegetation operations were conducted from 1986 through 2000 when the main haulroad on the east side of the NE4 was removed and reclaimed. The post mine land use is native grassland which includes reclaimed woodlands and developed water resources.

**Tract 2**

This tract is located in the S2 of section 9 and is owned by Burton Beckman. Mine development work began in 1982 with the removal of topsoil and subsoil and the construction of the necessary sediment control structures. The E-W County Road was moved to the south side of the mining area in Tract 4. Mining began in October of 1982 and continued into December of 1991. Grading, soil replacement, revegetation operations were conducted from 1986 through 1992. Revegetation operations began in 1987 and were completed in the spring of 1996. The E-W County road was moved back to its original location on the section line. The post mining land use is native grassland which includes reclaimed woodlands and developed water resources.

of section 9 in the fall of 1981. The stockpile area located east of the John Ovri farmstead was initially disturbed in 1980 following PSC approval of Permit 51 and later reclaimed to cropland. This area was redisturbed in 1989 to accommodate soil stockpiles from soil removal operations in Permit CCGH-8003. Grading, soil replacement, revegetation operations were conducted in 1994 and 1995. Revegetation operations began in 1994 and were completed in the spring of 2000. The post mining land uses are hayland and native grassland.

**Tract 4**

This tract includes portions of sections 10, 15 and 16 and is owned by Basin Cooperative Services. Mine development activities began in the fall of 1989 including soil removal, installation of diversions and pond development work. Mining began in the SW1/4 of section 10 in March of 1989 and continued to the SW until January of 1992. Grading operations began in 1990. Soil replacement and revegetation operations were conducted between 1994 and 1998. The post mining land uses are hayland, cropland and native grassland with a developed water resource.

Post mine vegetation analyses demonstrate that the all requirements of the reclamation plan and vegetation standards have been met. Permit CCGH-8003 is currently bonded for the amount of \$2,359,795.00. Basin Cooperative Services requests a release of the entire bond amount for completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation requirements.

Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference or formal hearing on any of these bond release tracts may be submitted by any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected to the Reclamation Division, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard, Bismarck, ND, 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

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