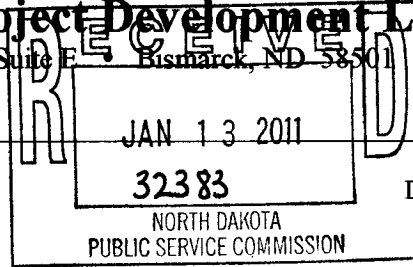




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January 13, 2011

Mr. James Deutsch
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600 East Boulevard, Dept.408
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FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

Date: _____

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Re: Mine Permit Application No. SHSH-1001
Revision #2 - Complete Application
South Heart Lignite Mine

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

On behalf of South Heart Coal LLC (SHC), Great Northern Project Development LP (GNPD) has enclosed Revision #2 to SHC's application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) for a permit to open and operate the South Heart Lignite Mine. The enclosed Revision #2 is the version deemed complete by the PSC as described in your letter to Rich Southwick dated January 10, 2011. Twelve copies of the application are provided on DVD.

In accordance with NDCC 38-14.1-18, SHC has scheduled the required advertisement of the permit application filing to appear in the Sunday, January 23, 2011 editions of the Dickinson Press and the Bismarck Tribune. The advertisements are also scheduled to appear in the three subsequent Sunday editions of those newspapers on January 30th, February 6th and February 13th. SHC will make the application available for public review at the Stark County Auditor's office beginning on or before January 23, 2011.

GNPD looks forward to continuing its work with the PSC and its staff during its technical review of the SHLM application. Please do not hesitate to contact Rich Southwick, V.P. Environmental at 406-266-4360 (rsouthwick@gnplp.com) or me at 701-223-8783 (rvoss@gnplp.com) with any questions pertaining to our application.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Voss
Vice President – Project Development

Enclosures: DVDs (12)

cc: **Todd Joyner, SHC** **James Sorenson, Norwest**
Rich Southwick, SHC **Rick Kinshella, Golder**
Larry Fox, SHC **Andrea Reither, Golder**