

March 7, 2011

Public Service Commission  
600 E. Blvd Ave, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505



Commissioners:

I am writing in reference to the proposed coalmine at South Heat, ND.

I insist that you schedule a formal hearing regarding the mining permit application. There are many serious concerns that need to be heard and recorded for the public record, for the benefit of all North Dakota residents

Some of my concerns include:

- (a) the negative impact on our premier tourist attraction & natural beauty in ND - Teddy Roosevelt Nat'l Park
- (b) the destruction of prairie and agricultural land; we can all easily see the impact of mining on communities north of Bismarck
- (c) few jobs will be created by this boondoggle, compared to many many jobs we could create through promoting clean energy and energy efficiency measures.

I am deeply opposed to this project. We need a public formal hearing on this proposal.

Sincerely, Marie D Hoff  
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