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ND Public Service Commission
600 E Blvd Ave Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: South Heart Coal Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today in opposition of the South Heart mining application your department considered complete. I am requesting a public hearing be granted for the citizens so that we may voice our concerns.

My family has been long time residents of this area and we do not want to see this area destroyed by the contaminating affects of coal mining. We have a water well that is our one and only source to our home, that is a huge concern as the coal facility will tap into the same aquifer that sustains us.

I work in the hospitality industry and need I remind you Theodore Roosevelt National Park is only a few miles from the proposed site of the coal mine/facility. The comment we hear from many tourists on why they love to come to the park over and again is our pristine air. How many tourists do you envision coming to visit if the coal project is allowed to proceed?

Even though oil and gas prices have sky rocketed in the last month, the time is not right for a new coal mine. As a resident of North Dakota we all should know the best energy project that we can invest in is wind power, how many days of the week does the wind not blow?! Contaminants of wind power are nil.

Again please grant a hearing for us to be able to voice our many concerns. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Laurie Solberg