

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**South Heart Coal LLC
Permit No. SHSH-1001
Application**

Case No. RC-10-77

NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

April 6, 2011

Preliminary Statement

On March 29, 2010, the Public Service Commission received the application for Surface Coal Mining Permit SHSH-1001 from South Heart Coal LLC to permit 4,581.4 acres for its proposed South Heart Lignite Mine. The proposed mine will be located southwest of South Heart in Stark County.

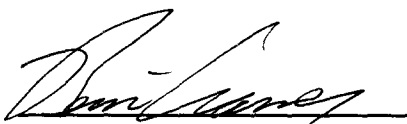
The Commission has received numerous requests for an Informal Conference on this application with concerns about the possible effects of mining on the environment and nearby property owners.

Notice of Informal Conference

Notice is hereby given that the captioned matter is set for an Informal Conference, commencing at 10:00 a.m., MDT, on June 28, 2011, in the Beck Auditorium located on the Dickinson State University campus, Dickinson, North Dakota. An evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m., MDT, for those unable to attend the daytime session. The hearing will continue at the same location beginning at 9:00 a.m., MDT, on June 29, 2011, if necessary.

If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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