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May 24, 2012

Mr. Todd Sando
State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Sando:

The Reclamation Division has received Great Northern Project Development L. P.'s response to our March 28, 2011 technical deficiency letter on Surface Coal Mining Permit Application No. SHSH-1001 for the South Heart Lignite Mine. Alan Wanek, Hydrologist Manager, with your office reviewed the application and provided us with comments (March 17, 2011), which we in turn forwarded to the applicant.

Enclosed is a CD containing a revised version of the South Heart Lignite Mine Surface Coal Mining Permit Application, SHSH-1001. Please review the application to determine if Mr. Wanek's concerns have been adequately addressed and provide us with any further comments by June 27, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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May 24, 2012

Mr. David Glatt, Chief
Environmental Health Section
North Dakota Health Department
918 East Divide Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-1947

Dear Mr. Glatt:

The Reclamation Division has received Great Northern Project Development L. P.'s response to our March 28, 2011 technical deficiency letter on Surface Coal Mining Permit Application No. SHSH-1001 for the South Heart Lignite Mine. Dennis R. Fewless, Director, Division of Water Quality, with your office reviewed the application and provided us with comments (March 8, 2011), which we in turn forwarded to the applicant.

Enclosed is a CD containing a revised version of the South Heart Lignite Mine Surface Coal Mining Permit Application, SHSH-1001. Please review the application to determine if Mr. Fewless's concerns have been adequately addressed and provide us with any further comments by June 27, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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James R. Deutsch
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May 24, 2012

Mr. Phillip Perlewitz, Chief
Branch of Solid Minerals
Bureau of Land Management
5001 Southgate Dr.
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Mr. Perlewitz:

The Reclamation Division has received Great Northern Project Development L. P.'s response to our March 28, 2011 technical deficiency letter on Surface Coal Mining Permit Application No. SHSH-1001 for the South Heart Lignite Mine. Your office sent us a letter on March 3, 2011 regarding this application and commented that the applicant should address how the operator will prevent the adjacent federal coal bearing formations from being wasted, damaged, or degraded when mining approaches the boundary lines adjoining federal coal. A copy of your letter was forwarded to the permit applicant and we asked them in our technical deficiency letter to address this issue.

Enclosed is a CD containing a revised version of the South Heart Lignite Mine Surface Coal Mining Permit Application, SHSH-1001. Please review the application to determine if your concerns have been adequately addressed and provide us with any further comments, if deemed necessary, by June 27, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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James R. Deutsch
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