

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
Revision No. 24, Permit KRSB-8603
Renewal No. 5, Permit KRSB-8603
Applications

Case No. RC-11-101
Case No. RC-11-115

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF RENEWAL AND REVISION APPLICATIONS

May 18, 2011

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation has filed applications to renew and revise Surface Coal Mining Permit No. KRSB-8603 covering lands located in:

All or portions of Section 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, T143N, R88W, Mercer County, totaling 2,666.1 acres.

The five-year permit renewal will allow Dakota Westmoreland Corporation to continue operating within the existing permit area until August 7, 2016. The revision identifies the next 5-year coal removal subarea and updates materials in the permit including legal information, operation plans, and reclamation plans. The renewal and revision applications and surface coal mining and reclamation permit may be inspected at:

Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

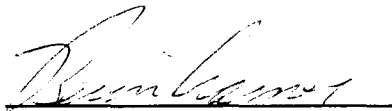
Mercer County Auditor
County Courthouse
PO Box 39
Stanton, North Dakota 58571

You may submit written comments or objections on the proposed revision and renewal applications and their effects on the environment and on surface owners of the land in the permit area. You may request an informal conference with the Commission and the applicant on the renewal and revision applications. The reasons for requesting an informal conference must be stated in the request. Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conference must be made by July 11, 2011.

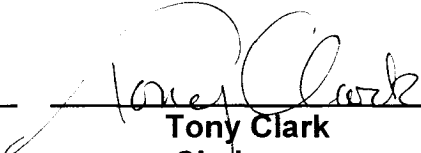
If there is an informal conference, you may request a formal administrative hearing on the Commission ruling on the application. Your request for a formal hearing must be made within thirty days of the Commission ruling on the application.

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences should be addressed to the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480. For more information you may contact the Public Service Commission at 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

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