

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Coteau Properties Company**  
**Renewal No. 5, Permit NACT-8503**  
**Approval**

**Case No. RC-11-107**

**RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN**  
**SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**

**July 13, 2011**

Based on the renewal application received on April 8, 2011, Renewal No. 5 for Permit Number NACT-8503 is hereby granted to Coteau Properties Company to renew the surface coal mining permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated thereunder, on the following described areas:

**All or portions of the Freedom Mine in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, T145N, R87W and a portion of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County containing 1902.96 acres.**

This five-year permit renewal will allow Coteau Properties Company to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans until **August 7, 2016**. Self and collateral bonds that total \$107,390,779 currently cover this and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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