

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation
Renewal No. 5, Permit KRSB-8603
Approval

Case No. RC-11-115

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

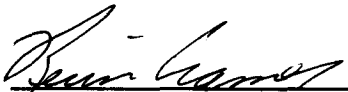
July 27, 2011

Based on the application received March 31, 2011, Renewal Number 5 to Permit Number KRSB-8603 is hereby granted to the Dakota Westmoreland Corporation to renew the permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated there under, on the following described areas:


Portions of Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 T143N, R88W,
Mercer County, totaling 2,666.1 acres.

This five-year permit renewal will allow Dakota Westmoreland Corporation to continue operating under approved mining and reclamation plans for this permit area at the Beulah Mine until August 7, 2016. Permit No. KRSB-8603 at the Beulah Mine is covered by a surety bond in the amount of \$6,267,847.


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