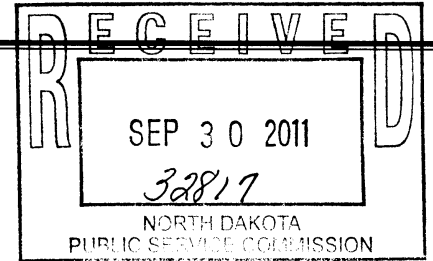


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September 29, 2011

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed are three DVD's containing revised Final Bond Release #1 to Permit NACT-9501. Also enclosed is a paper copy of revised Attachment I. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your September 22, 2011 letter.

1. See revised page 1 of Attachment III, and the revised letters in Attachments IVa and IVb.
2. A north arrow was added to the newspaper advertisement map, but everything else will remain as is. See revised page 2 of Attachment III, and the last page of Attachments IVa and IVb.
3. The correct adjacent owners are Jean J. and Debra D. Hoepfner. The landowners were removed from Attachment I, as it is not necessary for them to be on this map.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donn R. Steffen".

Donn R. Steffen
Environmental Manager

DRS:lr
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)