

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Coteau Properties Company
Renewal No. 4, Permit NACT-9101
Approval**

Case No. RC-12-103

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

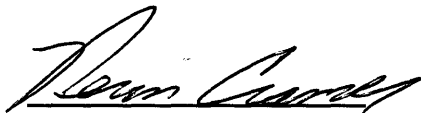
June 20, 2012

Based on the application received March 5, 2012, Renewal Number 4 to Permit Number NACT-9101 is hereby granted to The Coteau Properties Company 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:

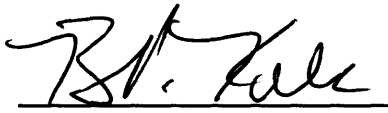
All or portions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21, T145N, R86W; and all or portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, T145N, R87W; Mercer County, totaling 9,399.211 acres.

This five year permit renewal will allow The Coteau Properties Company to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans for this permit area at the Freedom Mine until June 30, 2017. Permit No. NACT-9101 and other permits for the Freedom Mine are currently covered by collateral and self-bonds in the amount of \$119,000,000.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



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Chairman**

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