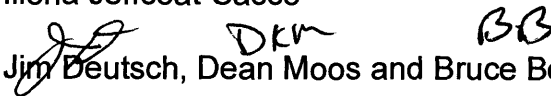


**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division**

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kalk and Cramer
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco

FROM:  Jim Deutsch, Dean Moos and Bruce Beechie

DATE: June 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Application for Revision No. 30 to Permit No. NACT-9101 held by The Coteau Properties Company, Case No. RC-12-105

On March 5, 2012, The Coteau Properties Company filed the application for Revision No. 30 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9101. This revision identifies the next five-year coal removal areas and addresses several items requested by the Reclamation Division during the pre-renewal review of the permit. This also updated the mining schedule for an area in the southwestern portion of the permit that will soon be mined and added design plans for three sedimentation ponds in this area. It also updated ownership and legal information and other operations and reclamation plans for the next permit term. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this revision application and respectfully recommends it be approved.

Coteau applied for this revision and Renewal No. 4 to this permit since mining will continue in this permit area for many years. The extended mine plan indicates that coal removal operations within this permit will continue until 2028.

This revision application was considered a significant revision application and was subject to the public notice requirements. Coteau submitted the affidavits of publication for the required newspaper notices. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners and the advisory committee members. We received no objections to this revision application.

Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. Self and collateral bonds that total \$119,000,000 cover this and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

Attached for your consideration are the proposed motion, revision award form, and the revision approval notice that we will publish in the appropriate newspapers.

Attachments

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