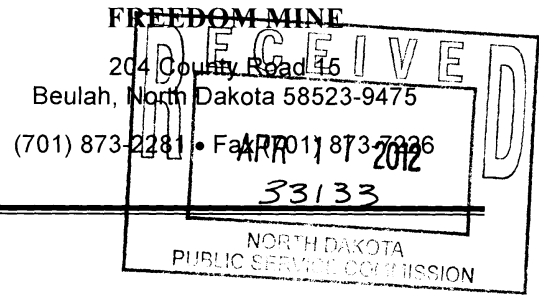


THE COTEAU
PROPERTIES COMPANY
A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION



April 10, 2012

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 sets of revised materials for Revision 29 to Permit NACT-8601, and a revised newspaper notice and map.

Responses below refer to deficiencies in your April 4, 2012 letter:

1. See the revised newspaper notice.
2. See the revised newspaper notice.
3. See the revised newspaper notice.
4. See the revised newspaper notice, revised page one of the original application, and revised pages 139 and 141 of Section 1.1.1.
5. See the revised newspaper notice.
6. See the revised newspaper notice.
7. See the revised newspaper notice.
8. See the revised newspaper notice map.

As The Coteau Properties Company is not the only surface owner in this permit, the tracts and descriptions will remain as is in the newspaper notice.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



Donn R. Steffen
Environmental Manager

DRS:lr
Enc.

cc: Monte Erhardt (w/enc.)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO CONDUCT
SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**

The Coteau Properties Company, 204 County Road 15, Beulah, ND, 58523, as applicant, has filed an Application for Renewal #5 of Permit NACT-8601 with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. The current permit area covers portions of Sections 8, T145N, R87W, and Section 12, T145N, R88W, of the Fifth Principle Meridian, Mercer County, North Dakota, and contains approximately 772.528 acres. The permit term will be from July 28, 2012 to July 28, 2017.

The permit area is approximately eight miles north of Beulah, North Dakota, and is found on the Beulah, North Dakota USGS quadrangle map.

The map shows the distance to Beulah, North Dakota, and the outline of the permit area.

The owners of the surface in the permit area are as follows:

Tract 1

Township 145 North, Range 88 West
Section 12: NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 2

Township 145 North, Range 88 West
Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 3

Township 145 North, Range 88 West
Section 12: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 4

Township 145 North, Range 88 West
Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 5

Township 145 North, Range 88 West

Section 12: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, less a 0.308 acre tract

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 5A

Township 145 North, Range 88 West

Section 12: A 0.308 acre tract in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said section, marked by a $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron pin and cap bearing RLS #1242; thence N 00-58-09 E, 2,345.73 feet on the east line of said section to the true point of beginning marked by a $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron pin and cap bearing RLS #1242; thence N 90-00-00 W, 173.45 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron pin and cap bearing RLS #1242; thence N 00-00-00 E, 77.00 feet to a $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron pin and cap bearing RLS #1242; thence N 90-00-00 E, 174.75 feet to the east line of said section marked by a $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron pin and cap bearing RLS #1242; thence S 00-58-09 W, 77.01 feet on the east line of said section to the true point of beginning.

Surface Ownership: Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Tract 10

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, less that part of Sublot 1 lying therein

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 11

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 8: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, less that portion of Sublot 1 lying therein, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

Tract 12

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

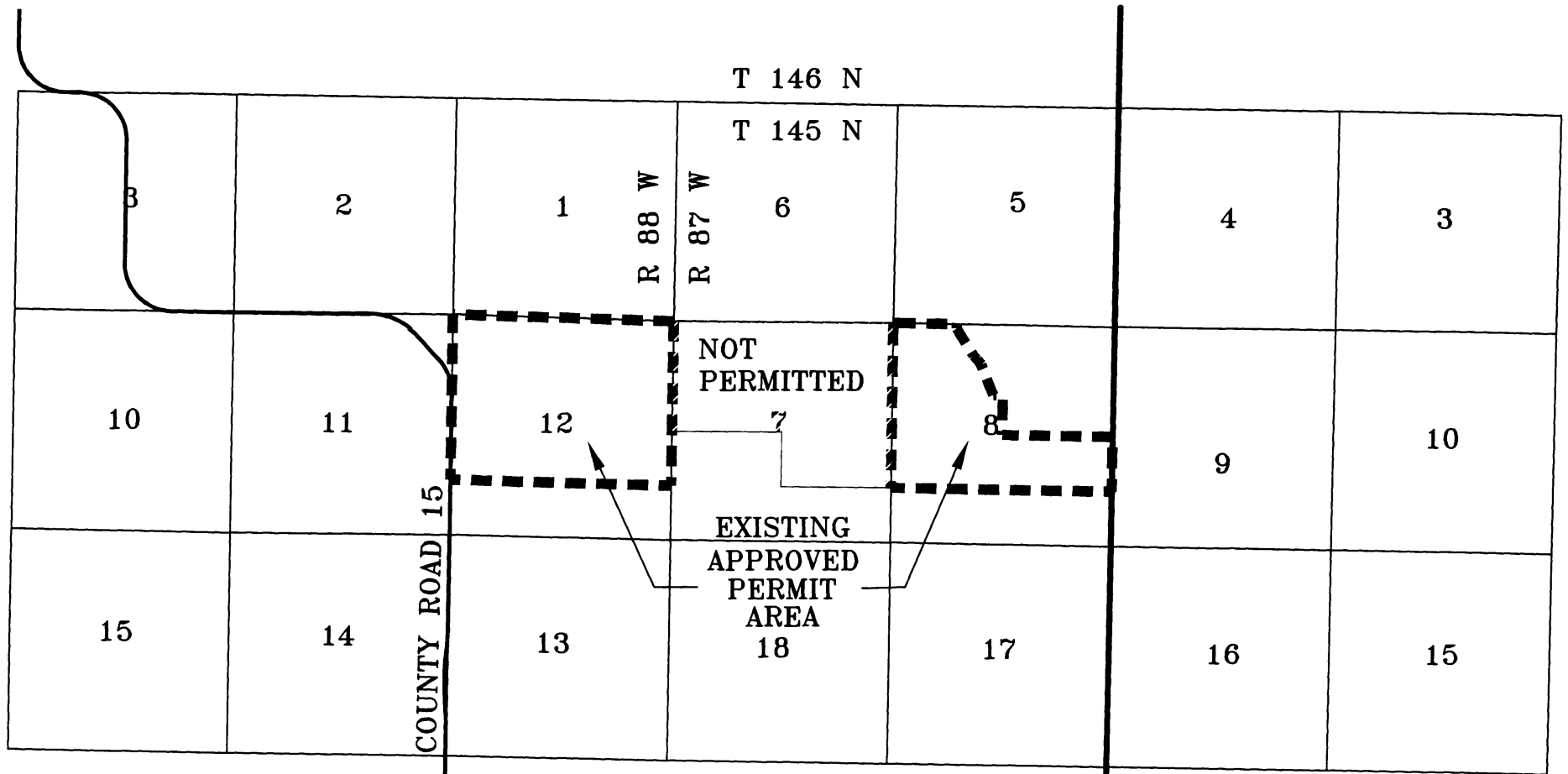
Section 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company

A copy of the Application for Renewal #5 of Permit NACT-8601 is available for public inspection at the office of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, and at the office of the County Auditor, Mercer County Courthouse, Stanton, North Dakota 58571.

Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference on the renewal may be submitted by any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected, to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Any request for informal conference must be in writing to the Commission. The request must also state specifically the issues or objections that an affected party has regarding the renewal.

The Coteau Properties Company
204 County Road 15
Beulah, North Dakota 58523



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NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION NOTICE MAP
 PERMIT NACT-8601 RENEWAL