

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Coteau Properties Company
Renewal No. 5 to Permit NACT-8601
Application

Case No. RC-12-128

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF RENEWAL APPLICATION

April 25, 2012

The Coteau Properties Company has filed an application to renew Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NACT-8601 covering lands located in:

Portions of Section 8, T145N, R87W, and Section 12, T145N, R88W,
Mercer County, totaling 772.528 acres.

This five-year permit renewal will allow Coteau to continue to operate within the existing permit area until July 28, 2017. Coal removal is complete within the permit area but the permit area will be used to support active mining operations occurring elsewhere for the next permit term. The renewal application and surface coal mining and reclamation permit may be inspected at:

Public Service Commission
State Capitol, 13th Floor
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Mercer County Auditor
County Courthouse
Stanton, North Dakota 58571

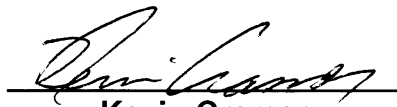
You may submit written comments or objections on the permit renewal application and its effects on the environment and on surface owners of the land in the permit area. You may request an informal conference with the Commission and the applicant on the renewal application. The reasons for requesting an informal conference must be stated in the request. Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference must be filed with the Commission by June 18, 2012.

If there is an informal conference, you may request a formal administrative hearing on the Commission ruling on the application. Your request for a formal hearing must be made within thirty days of the Commission ruling on the application.

Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences should be addressed to the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept 408,

Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480. For more information, you may contact the Public Service Commission at 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

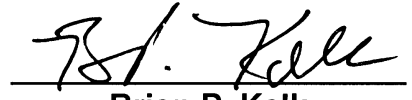
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