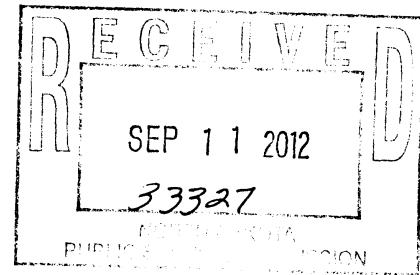




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September 4, 2012

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

Re: Application for Final Release of Bond
Bond Release No. 6
Permit No. KRGC-8101
Gascoyne Mine Area

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed find two copies of an Application for Final Release of Bond for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations on 134.2 acres of land situated in portions of Sections 27 and 34 located in Township 131 North, Range 99 West, and Section 3, Township 130 North, Range 99 West, Bowman County, North Dakota. The primary land use of this tract is "industrial and commercial" and follows the requirements pursuant to North Dakota Public Service Commission Policy Memorandum No. 15. A small portion of the acreage in Section 3 has been reclaimed to the approved post mining land use as "fish and wild life habitat"

The application includes 9 attachments of various maps, metes and bounds descriptions and narrative discussions related to the areas encompassed by the requested bond release. This information should fulfill the informational and mapping requirements outlined in the application form. The first public notice publication was on September 7, 2012.

Should you or your staff have any questions on the submitted information and maps please contact the Bismarck Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Fröhlich".

Jeff P Fröhlich
Sr. Construction Materials Engineer