

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION

FREEDOM MINE

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April 1, 2013

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 an updated newspaper publication and Attachment 1 to the renewal application form. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your March 26, 2013 letter:

1. See revised Attachment 1 to the renewal application form.
2. See revised Attachment 1 to the renewal application form.
3. See revised pages 1 and 4 of the proposed newspaper publication.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY


Troy J. Leingang
Environmental Manager

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This renewal is being requested because portions of the permit (ponds, haulroads, stockpiles) continue to be used in support of mining in other permit areas. All coal removal is complete within this permit area.

The bond for this permit area is sufficient and will continue for the renewal period, as shown in the Consolidated Bonding Plan updated with Revision 21 to Permit NACT-0401. Liability insurance is provided and will be renewed on a yearly basis throughout the renewal period.

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, North Dakota 58523, as applicant, has filed an Application for Renewal #6 of Permit NACT-8203 with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. The current permit area covers portions of Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 20, T145N, R87W, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Mercer County, North Dakota, and contains approximately 1,155.387 acres. Although all coal removal is complete within this permit area, portions are being used to support active mining operations elsewhere. The permit term will be from July 6, 2013 to July 5, 2018.

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

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

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

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 7: Lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership:	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Coal Ownership:	Bertha Boeckel
	Albert L. Boeckel
	Gothilf J. Neubauer
	Loretta R. Hart
	Hilma R. Curtis
	Doris Beckman
	Elaine E. Walker
	Berniece M. Winkler Scheid

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 7: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership:	The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership:	Bertha Boeckel
	Albert L. Boeckel
	Gothilf J. Neubauer
	Loretta R. Hart
	Hilma R. Curtis
	Doris Beckman
	Elaine E. Walker
	Berniece M. Winkler Scheid

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 7: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: John D. Sturgeon
Katherine A. Miles
Jeanette and Richard S. Dobson
Carol Hafner Miller

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 8: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: John D. Sturgeon
Katherine A. Miles
Jeanette and Richard S. Dobson
Carol Hafner Miller

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 17: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Sharold Hipfner
Raymond S. and Shirley Hipfner, Life Estate
Clarice Zander, Remainderman
Blaine Hipfner, Remainderman

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 17: SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Celestine M. Weigum

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 17: SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Celestine M. Weigum
Evangeline and Reuben H. Treiber
Lucille and Arthur H. Flemmer
Delfine and Leo Wiedrich

Township 145 North, Range 87 West
Section 17: NW¼

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Tillie (a/k/a Odelia) and Joseph J. Schneider
Emil C. and Hulda A. Weigum
Monica and Herbert B. Zeissler
Ivan H. Peth and Hertha D. Peth 1997 Revocable Trust,
U/A Dated 7/21/97
Glenda Carol O'Rourke
Janet L. and Ronald P. Giannini
John J. and Diane Weisenburger
Paul P. Weisenburger
Richard K. and Thais L. Weisenburger
Thomas H. and Diane Weisenburger

Township 145 North, Range 87 West
Section 18: NE¼

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: United States of America – Bureau of Land Management

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 18: Lots 1, 2, E½NW¼, less 4.562 acres in Lot 2, less a 0.416 acre tract, and less a 0.161 acre tract

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Albert L. Boeckel

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 18: A 0.416 acre tract in the NW¼NW¼

Surface Ownership: Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Coal Ownership: Albert L. Boeckel

Township 145 North, Range 87 West

Section 18: N½SE¼

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: Calvin D. Hafner

Township 145 North, Range 87 West
Section 20: NW¼

Surface Ownership: The Coteau Properties Company
Coal Ownership: United States of America – Bureau of Land Management

A copy of the Application for Renewal #6 of Permit NACT-8203 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 which 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.

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