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

RE: Application for Final Release of Bond
Bond Release No. 7
Permit No. KRGC-8101
Gascoyne Mine Area

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of an Application for Final Release of Bond for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations on 650.4 acres of land situated in portions of Sections 26, 29 and 33, located in Township 131 North, Range 99 West, Bowman County, North Dakota. Three separate tracts comprise the total acreage for which Knife River Corporation is requesting final bond release, and all three tracts have been reclaimed according to the approved post mining land use and reclamation plan as cropland/hayland.

The enclosed application includes nine (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 enclosed public notice will be published in the Bowman County Pioneer for four consecutive weeks following written approval from PSC. Similarly, Knife River will mail all letters to affected parties (e.g. agencies, landowners, adjoining landowners, etc.) and send you a copy set when you have notified us that the draft letter is satisfactory.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding the information contained herein, please contact me by telephone at (701) 530-1421 or by email ned.pettit@kniferiver.com.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward M. Pettit".

Edward M. "Ned" Pettit
Environmental Manager

Encl.