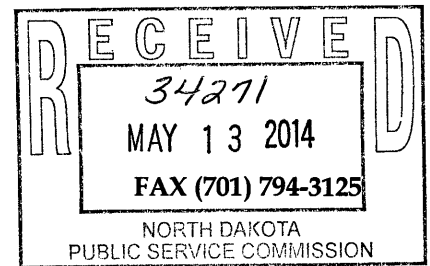


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May 12, 2014

Mr. Jim Deutsch, Director
Reclamation Division, NDPSC
Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Affidavits of Publication

Dear Mr. Deutsch,

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the "Affidavit of Publication" notices from the Bismarck Tribune and the Center Republican for Renewal 6 to Permit BNCR-8202.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Center office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karene M. Hall".

Karene M. Hall
Permit Coordinator



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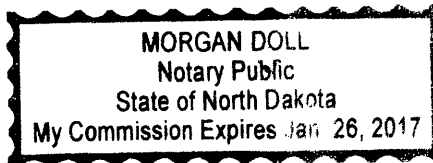
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Before me, a Notary Public for the State of North Dakota
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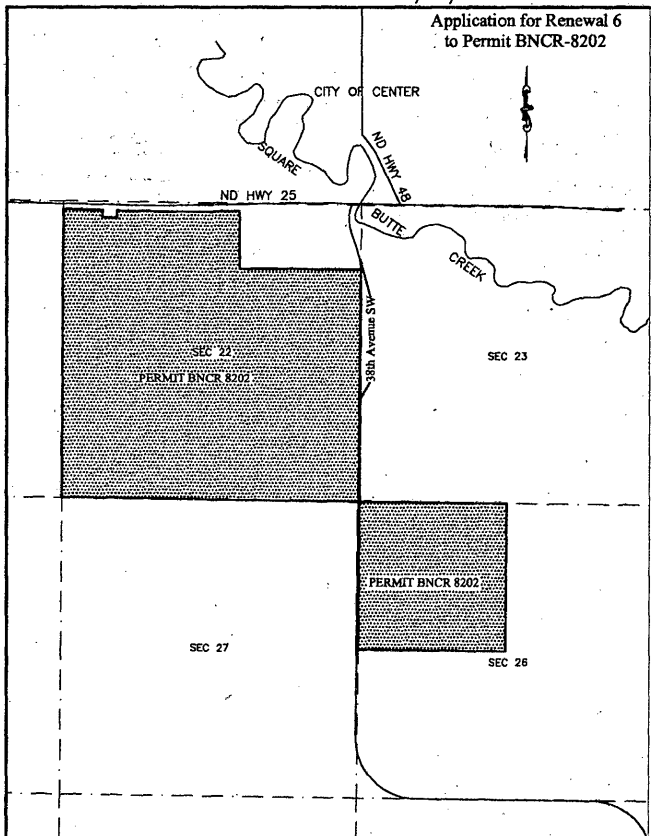
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| <u>Description</u> | <u>Surface Owner(s)</u> | <u>Mineral Owner(s)</u> |
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| Section 22, T142N, R84W N½NE¼ | David Helm | USA |
| S½, SW¼NW¼, SE¼NE¼ | BNI Coal, Ltd. | USA |
| N¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼, SW¼NE¼ NW¼ | BNI Coal, Ltd. Arnold & Ruby Meyhoff | University of Mary ND State Land Dept. USA |



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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF Oliver)

I SHELLEY CHASE, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the Center Republican, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Center, that the advertisement headed:

BNI-CENTER MINE CR-PERMIT RENEWAL BNCR-8202/LEGAL/PO#141384

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

for 4 consecutive week 05/01/2014 to wit:

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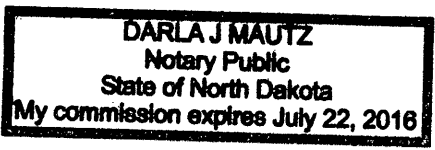
Shelley Chase

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May A.D. 2014

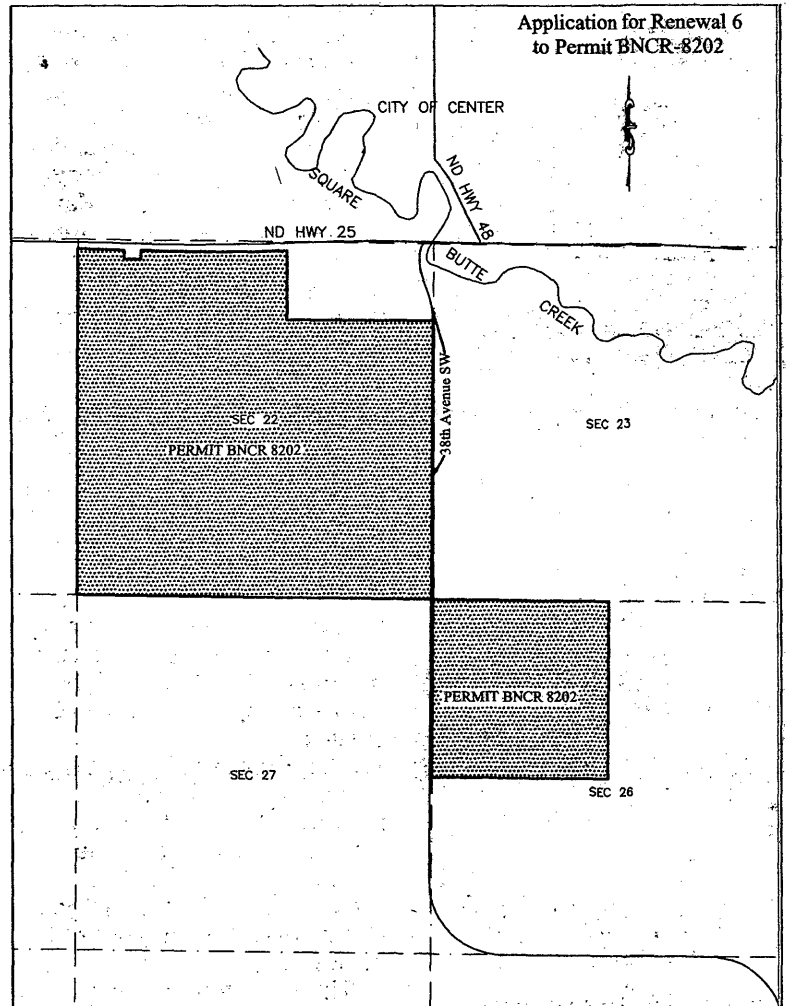
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My Commission Expires



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| N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | David Helm | USA |
| S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | BNI Coal, Ltd. | USA |
| N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | BNI Coal, Ltd. | University of Mary ND State Land Dept. |
| Section 26, T142N, R84W | | |
| NW $\frac{1}{4}$ | Arnold & Ruby Meyhoff | USA |

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