

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco

FROM: Jim Deutsch, Dean Moos and Bruce Johnson

DATE: March 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Application for Renewal No. 6 to Permit No. NAFK-8405 held by
The Falkirk Mining Company, Case No. RC-15-710

On October 30, 2015, The Falkirk Mining Company filed the application for Renewal No. 6 to Permit NAFK-8405 to continue to conduct mining operations within the existing permit area until April 15, 2021. Permit No. NAFK-8405 covers all or portions of Section 3, T145N, R82W; Sections 6, 7, and 18, T146N, R81W; and Sections 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 34, and 35, T146N, R82W, McLean County, totaling approximately 8,777 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal and respectfully recommends that it be approved.

Falkirk has applied for this five-year renewal because coal removal operations will continue in this permit area for many years. Mining and reclamation plans and other information were updated for the next permit term with Revision No. 35.

Falkirk has submitted the affidavits of publication of the newspaper notice. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners and the advisory committee members. We received no objections to this renewal application. Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. Self and collateral bonds that total \$88,700,000 cover this permit and Permits NAFK-8705 and NAFK-9503 at the Falkirk Mine.

Attached for your consideration at the March 23 Commission meeting are the proposed motion and renewal approval form.

Attachments

Minedata/FalkirkPermits/NAFK-8405/Revsions/No.35/Ren6_memo_3-16-16