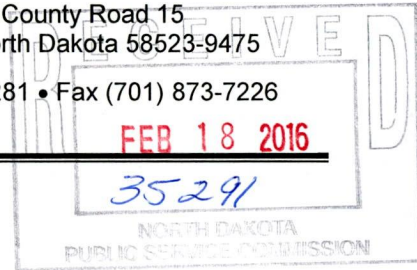


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February 17, 2016

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 three sets of revised materials for Revision 28 to Permit NACT-9001. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your February 9, 2016 letter:

1. The shelterbelt discussion on page 2 of Section 4.1.1 has been updated to accurately reflect the reference to Section 4.1.2 of the permit and to clarify which 5.0 acre tree planting will replace the shelterbelt acreage that was disturbed.
2. See revised page 1 of Section 4.1.3. The footnotes have been revised for clarification.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Leingang".

Troy J. Leingang  
Environmental Manager

AJH  
Enc.

cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor

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