

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Falkirk Mining Company
Permit NAFK-9503
Approval**

Case No. RC-15-755

NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING

May 5, 2016

Preliminary Statement

On December 2, 2015, the Falkirk Mining Company applied for Revision No. 27 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-9503 for its Riverdale mine area located southwest of Underwood, North Dakota. This revision identified the next five-year coal removal subareas and updated other sections of the permit that had been requested by the Reclamation Division for the next five-year permit term. Permit No. NAFK-9503 covers 29,310.4 acres of land in McLean County.

On April 5, 2016, the Public Service Commission approved Revision No. 27 to Permit No. NAFK-9503, subject to the right of any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected to request a formal hearing. On May 4, 2016, the Commission received a request for a Formal Hearing in the matter from Mr. Robert Nelson, the owner of some land just south of the permit area. Mr. Nelson has concerns about water releases from mine impoundments located upstream of his property.

Notice of Formal Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the captioned matter is set for a Formal Hearing, commencing at 8:00 a.m. CDT, on May 25, 2016, in the Public Service Commission's Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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