

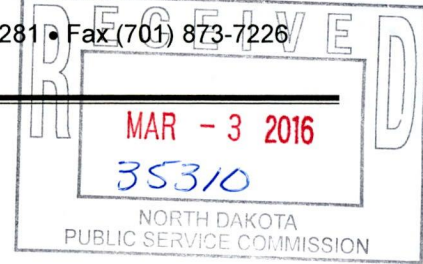
THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY

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March 3, 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 materials for Revision 32 to Permit NACT-8503. This revision updates the permit for renewal #6. Also enclosed are the original application forms and a proposed newspaper publication and map. Responses below refer to deficiencies in your January 27, 2016 letter:

1. See revised page 1 of Section 1.2.1. Also, the following is a table identifying the Tract updates and the pages to add or replace in Section 1.2.1:

Tract No.	Page No. to replace or add	Address change to surface and/or coal ownership	Corporate officers and/or registered agents change	Documentation added – Lease, Warranty Deed, AOE, or Other	Leasehold status change	Ownership or name change to surface and/or coal	Tract added, removed or tract description changed
2	7					X	
4	34		X				
4	36.1	X	X				
4*	34-36.1						
4A*	36.2						
4A	36.3a	X	X				
4A*	36.2-36.3a						
7*	169						
7	170	X	X			X	
7*	170.1-170.3						
9*	208						
9	209.1b	X	X				
9*	208-209.1b						
10	264			X**			
10*	264-265						
11*	361						
11	363.1	X	X				
11*	362-363.2						
14	430		X				
14	431	X					
15	442-442.1		X				X

*Changes were cosmetic in nature.

**Added in text only

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- See revised pages 1-46 of Section 1.2.2 updated to reflect current ownership and leasehold information. See the revised Surface and Coal Ownership Map of Section 1.2.3.
2. See revised page 15 of Section 1.2.4 for revised Tract 14 easement information.
 3. A revised Consolidated Legal Information Report covering Sections 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 1.3.3 was mailed to the PSC via FedEx on February 18, 2016. Please contact Belinda Coleman if you have any questions.
 4. See revised Section 1.3.5, Other Licenses and Permits.
 5. The Extended Mining Plan Map of Section 2.1.1 has been updated to show mining has been completed through 2015.
 6. See revised Section 3.1.4, List of Major Equipment.
 7. The Pit Layout and Facilities Map of Section 3.1.5 has been updated to correct the spelling of cemetery as well as show service roads leading to overburden and subsoil stockpiles. Additionally, variance area in Sections 19 and 30 was revised to remove the variance from the bond release area.
 8. See revised page 7 of Section 4.1.1 and the revised Post Mining Land Use Map of Section 4.1.2.
 9. Requested changes were made to page 1 of Section 4.1.3.
 10. Requested changes were made to page 1 of Section 4.1.5. All liability period initiations can be found on Coteau's Annual Mine Map.

In addition, the following change was made:

1. Tracts 2 and 7 were updated to reflect current land ownership on pages 4 and 7 of Section 4.1.1

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

THE COTEAU PROPERTIES COMPANY



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Environmental Manager

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cc: Shana Brost, Mercer County Auditor (w/enc.)