

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Reclamation Division**  
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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
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**DATE:** July 13, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Application for Renewal No. 6 to Permit No. NACT-8503 held by The Coteau Properties Company, Case No. RC-16-120

On March 3, 2016, The Coteau Properties Company filed the application for Renewal No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8503 to continue to conduct mining related activities within the existing permit area until August 7, 2021. Permit No. NACT-8503 covers all or portions of Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, T145N, R87W and a small portion of Section 24, T145N, R88W, in Mercer County which totals approximately 1,832 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this renewal application to extend the permit term another five years and respectfully recommends that it be approved.

Coal removal has been completed from this permit area but portions of the permit are currently being used to support mining activities in other permits, e.g., haul roads, sedimentation ponds, and stockpiles. Legal information, identification of interests and rights of entry, business entity/compliance information, operations and reclamation plans and other information were updated for the next permit term with Revision No. 32, which was considered an insignificant revision because coal removal has been completed.

Coteau has submitted the affidavits of publication of the newspaper notice and 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 \$146,000,000 cover this and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

Attached for your consideration are the proposed motion and renewal approval forms.

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