

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Coteau Properties Company  
Renewal No. 6, Permit NACT-8503  
Approval

Case No. RC-16-120

RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN  
SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

July 20, 2016

Based on the renewal application received on March 3, 2016, Renewal No. 6 for Permit Number NACT-8503 is hereby granted to Coteau Properties Company to renew the surface coal mining permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated thereunder, on the following described areas:

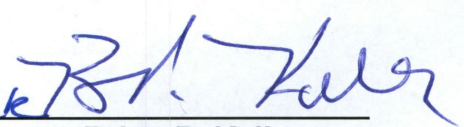
**All or portions of the Freedom Mine in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, T145N, R87W and a very small portion of Section 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County containing 1831.969 acres.**

This five-year permit renewal will allow Coteau Properties Company to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans until **August 7, 2021**. Self and collateral bonds that total \$146,000,000 currently cover this and other permits at the Freedom Mine.

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