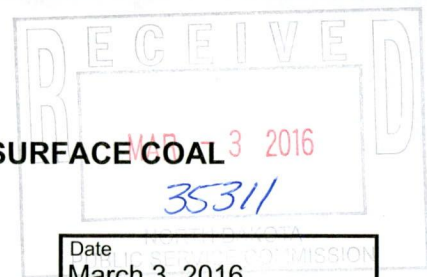




**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**  
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
 RECLAMATION DIVISION  
 SFN 10566 (1-2004)



Name of Permittee <b>The Coteau Properties Company</b>		Date <b>March 3, 2016</b>	
Address <b>204 County Road 15</b>		Permit Number <b>NACT-8102</b>	
City <b>Beulah</b>	State <b>ND</b>	Zip Code <b>58523</b>	

The above named hereby makes application for Renewal Number 7 of the above Permit Number in order to continue to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations within the area described below in the permit during the period from August 31, 2016 to August 31, 2021.

The reasons for requesting the renewal is attached and any changes to the matters set forth in the approved Permit are particularly described in the accompanying revision application.

The applicable public notice provisions of Section 38-14.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code have been complied with. A copy of the advertisement is attached and affidavits of publications will be furnished to the Commission prior to issuance of the Permit Renewal.

Bond for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and liability insurance will be provided for the proposed period of renewal. Attached is a statement evidencing that the bond is sufficient and will continue in full force for the renewal period and that liability insurance will be provided for the renewal period.

LOCATION				ACRES
SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY	
12, 13, 24	145N	88W	Mercer	682.57
18, 19	145N	87W	Mercer	670.16
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>				<b>1352.73</b>

Signature of Official <i>William R. Kih</i>	Title Staff Mining Engineer
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**VERIFICATION**

Name of Official <b>Troy J. Leingang</b>
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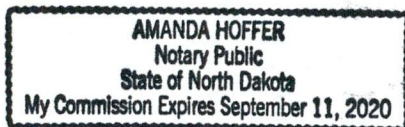
I, the above named, being first and duly sworn, verify that the information contained in the Permit Renewal Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Official <i>Troy Leingang</i>	Title Environmental Manager
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STATE OF North Dakota )  
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 COUNTY OF Mercer )

Subscribed and Sworn before me, this 3rd day of March, 2016.

(SEAL)



*Amanda Hoffer*  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: September 11, 2020

This renewal is being requested because portions of the permit continue to be used in support of mining in other permit areas during the next five-year permit term. All coal removal operations have been completed within this permit area.

The current bond for this permit is covered under the Consolidated Bonding Plan. The current consolidated bond is \$146 Million which is sufficient to address all mining disturbance at the Coteau Mine and will continue for the 5 year period. The consolidated bond was last updated with Revision 27 to Permit NACT-0401.

The current Certificate of Liability Insurance, on file with the PSC, expires February 1, 2017 and will be renewed on a yearly basis throughout the renewal period.