
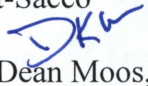



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Kalk
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco

FROM: Jim  Deutsch, Dean  Moos, and Bill  Gunnerson

DATE: July 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Application for Renewal No. 7 for Permit NACT-8102 held by the Coteau Properties Company for the Freedom Mine - Case No. RC-16-121

On March 3, 2016 the Coteau Properties Company filed the application for Renewal No. 7 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-8102 to continue mining related activities within the existing permit area until August 31, 2021. Permit NACT-8102 covers portions of Sections 18 and 19, T145N, R87W, and Sections 12, 13, and 24, T145N, R88W in Mercer County containing 1352.73 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., the mine service building complex, fuel farm, equipment parking and material storage areas, 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. 56 that was determined to be an insignificant revision to the approved permit.

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. Permit NACT-8102 and all other permits for the Freedom Mine are currently covered by collateral and self bonds that total \$146,000,000.

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

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