

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Coteau Properties Company
Renewal No. 7, Permit No. NACT-8102
Approval

Case No. RC-16-121

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

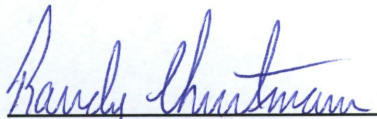
July 20, 2016

Based on the renewal application received on March 3, 2016, Renewal Number 7 to Permit Number NACT-8102 is hereby granted to the 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:

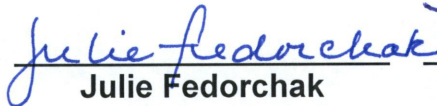
Portions of Sections 18 and 19, T145N, R87W; and, Sections 12, 13, and 24, T145N, R88W, Mercer County, North Dakota, containing 1352.73 acres.

This five-year permit renewal will allow the Coteau Properties Company to continue operating under approved mining and reclamation plans until **August 31, 2021**. Permit No. NACT-8102 and all other permits for the Freedom Mine are currently covered by collateral and self bonds in the total amount of \$146,000,000.

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