

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Reclamation Division

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Memorandum

**TO:** Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak and Kroshus  
**FROM:** *DKM* Dean Moos, *ZAB* Zanna Brinkman and Guy Welch  
**DATE:** June 6, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Application for Renewal No. 7 to Permit NACT-8203 held by the Coteau Properties Company, Case No. RC-18-29

On January 19, 2018, Coteau Properties Company filed the application for Renewal No. 7 to Permit NACT-8203 to continue mining and reclamation operations within the existing permit area until July 5, 2023. Permit No. NACT-8203 contains 1,155.387 acres of land located in portions of Sections 7, 8, 17, 18 and 20 of Township 145 North, Range 87 West, in Mercer County. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal application and respectfully recommends approval.

Coteau applied for this renewal since haul roads, topsoil and subsoil stockpiles and sediment ponds in this permit area are still being used to support current mining activities in other permit areas. Coal removal from this permit area was completed several years ago. At the time Coteau filed this renewal application, they also filed the application for Revision No. 33 to Permit NACT-8203 to update surface and subsurface ownership information, other licenses and permits, equipment list, reclamation schedule and plans, the extended mine plan map, pit layout and facilities map and the post-mining land use information for the next five-year permit term. This insignificant revision application will be approved prior to Commission action on the renewal application.

Coteau Properties Company has submitted the affidavits of publication of the newspaper notices. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners and the advisory committee members. We received no objections to this renewal application. Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. This and other permits at the Freedom Mine are covered by self and collateral bonds totaling \$146,000,000.00.

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

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