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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The ND Public Service Commission is requesting a letter of concurrence for the approval of Final Bond Release No. 1 to Permit NACT-9001 held by the Coteau Property Company at the Freedom Mine. Final Bond Release No. 1 comprises 811.8 acres of land in portions of Sections 1 and 2 of T145N, R88W, Mercer County. A portion of Section 2 contains federal coal that was leased and mined. Attached Figure 1 depicts the bond release area and the federal coal tract. The post-mining land use of affected land in Section 2 is native grassland (436.7 acres), a stockpond (1 acre), a wetland (2.8 acres) and county road right-of-way (1.5 acres).

The bond release inspection was conducted September 9, 2020. Jon Seiving inspected the bond release areas with Bruce Beechie on September 16, 2020.

The Reclamation Division intends to recommend Commission approval of the land in Section 2 and we are requesting your letter of concurrence for this bond release at your earliest convenience. A copy of the bond release is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosures:
USB Drive
Map

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Figure 1: Boundary of Final Bond Release No. 1 and Federal Coal

