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FYI – I see he is having the notice published in the Beulah Beacon but it should also be published in the Bismarck Tribune.

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Hi,

I need to publish the attached legal ad and map in the Beulah Beacon, starting next Thursday, September 3rd, and running for four weeks (September 3rd, September 10th, September 17th, September 24th). Billing and affidavits of publication can be sent to the address in my signature line, care of me. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Dillon Belisle

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Bond Release 1 Publication Emails – electronic only
Coteau Properties Company
Dillon Belisle

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR FINAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND

The Coteau Properties Company, as applicant, has filed an application for final bond release on approximately 812 acres of land located in Section 1, T145N, R88W and Section 2, T145N, R88W as indicated on the map. This land is included in Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9001, approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on April 16, 1991. This permit area is bonded in consolidation with adjacent mining permits for an amount totaling \$146 million. Upon approval of this bond release application, The Coteau Properties Company will be released from reclamation liability for all stages (backfilling and grading, soil respreading, vegetation establishment, and revegetation success), but the bond amount will not be reduced due to continued mining and reclamation operations within this permit.

Following permit approval, initial mining disturbance commenced with sediment pond construction and soil stripping in 1991. Within the tract, six pre-mining wells and springs existed. Coal removal began in 1992 and continued through 1998. Reclamation began after coal removal and continued until 2014 when reclamation of the approximately 683 acres that were disturbed from mining or considered to be associated disturbance was complete. The bond release tract was granted a variance from the ten-year revegetation responsibility period on 132.9 acres on September 9, 2019. The county roads that were disturbed by mining were re-established to meet the standards set forth by Mercer County. The entire bond release tract is owned by The Coteau Properties Company, and the area has been successfully reclaimed to native grassland, developed water resources, a wetland, Mercer County Road 15, and a section line right-of-way.

Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference or public hearing on this bond release may be submitted by any person having a valid legal interest which is or may be adversely affected by this action, to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference or hearing should be in writing to the Commission, and must state specifically the issues or objections that an affected party has regarding this bond release.

The Coteau Properties Company
204 County Road 15
Beulah, North Dakota 58523

T146N
R88W
34

DELETED FROM PERMIT
REVISION 40

T146N
R88W
35

T146N
R88W
36

T146N
R87W
31

PROPOSED BOND
RELEASE AREA

NACT-9501

T 146 N

NACT-9001

T 145 N

T145N
R88W
3

NOT
IN
PERMIT

R 88 W

R 87 W

T145N
R88W
2

T145N
R88W
1

T145N
R87W
6

NOT
IN
PERMIT

NACT-9001

NACT-0201

COUNTY ROAD 15

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

NOTICE MAP

FINAL BOND RELEASE NO. 1

PERMIT NACT-9001

COUNTY ROAD 15

T145N
R88W
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T145N
R87W
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NACT-8601 FBR #1

BASIN ELECTRIC
ASH PERMIT AREA

NACT-8601

NACT-8102

NACT-8203

G.N.



•Pre-mine well or spring

Beulah
9 miles ↓