

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kroshus
Steve Kahl, Executive Director
John M. Schuh

FROM: Dean Moos, Zanna Brinkman and Guy Welch

DATE: July 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Application for Renewal No. 7 to Permit No. KRSB-8603 held by The
Dakota Westmoreland Company, Case No. RC-21-95

On February 12, 2021, the Dakota Westmoreland Corporation filed the application for Renewal No. 7 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KRSB-8603 to continue mining operations within the existing permit area through August 7, 2026. Permit No. KRSB-8603 covers portions of Sections 14 through 23 and 29 in T143N, R88W, Mercer County, totaling 3,871.7 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal application and respectfully recommends its approval.

The Beulah mine is expected to continue to supply coal to the Heskett Station through March 2022 and to continue reclamation operations. Mining and reclamation plans and other information were updated for the next permit term as part of Revisions No. 32 and 33.

Dakota Westmoreland submitted the affidavits of publication for the newspaper notices. We also notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners, and the advisory committee members. No objections to this renewal application were received. Evidence of adequate liability insurance is currently on file. An existing surety bond in the amount of \$14,516,993.00 currently covers this permit.

Attached for your consideration are the proposed motion and renewal approval form for the August 4th Commission meeting.

Attachments