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Mr. Jonathan Emmer
Reclamation Director
ND State Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Affidavit of Publication for Final Bond Release 6, NAFK-9601

Dear Mr. Emmer:

Please find enclosed copies of the Affidavit of Publication for the Final Bond Release 6, to Falkirk's Mining Permit NAFK-9601. The publication was published for four consecutive weeks in The McLean County Independent on November 21st, 28th, December 5th and 12th, 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 250-2420.

Sincerely,

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

Tara Voigt
Executive Assistant II

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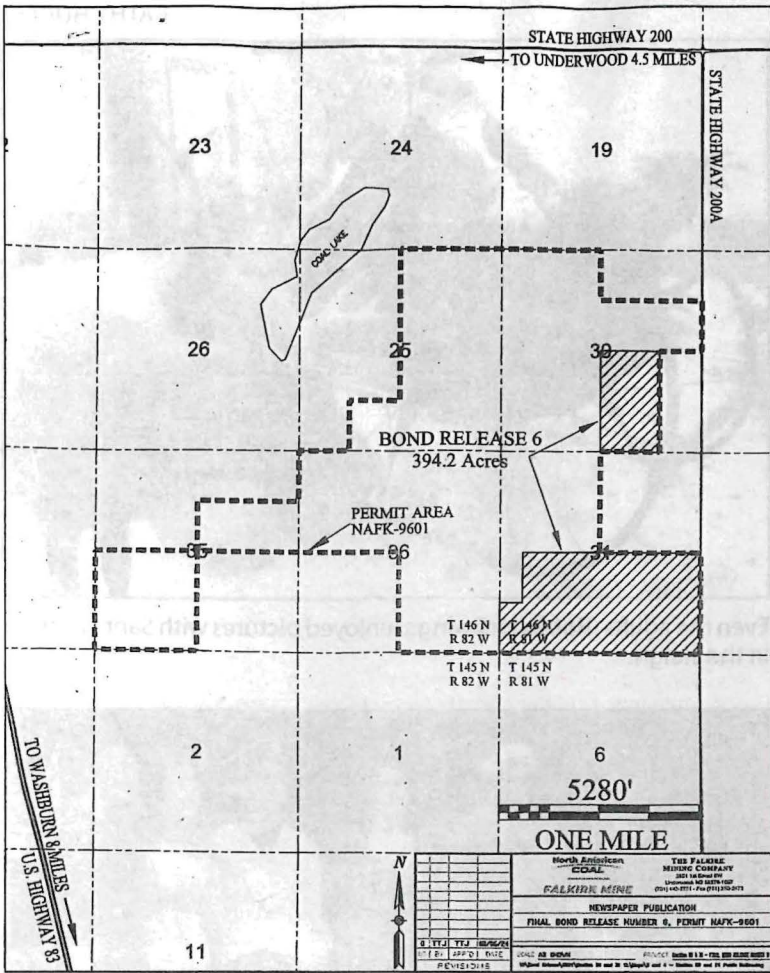
The Falkirk Mining Company, a subsidiary company of The North American Coal Corporation

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF McLean, ss.

I, Ashley Nordstrom, employee of the McLean County Independent of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that the McLean County Independent is a weekly newspaper published in Garrison ND County of McLean, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned; that the

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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for 4 successive week, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to-wit:

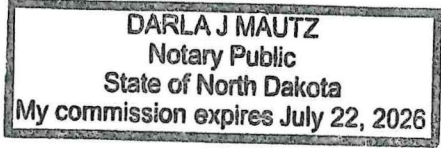
4- McLean County Independant: 11/21/2024,
11/28/2024, 12/5/2024, 12/12/2024

That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is: \$ 558.40

Ashley Nordstrom

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12/11/2024

Darla J. Mautz
_____ Darla J. Mautz, Notary Public
State of North Dakota



Notice Of Filing For Final Release Of Reclamation Bond

The Falkirk Mining Company, 2801 1st Street S.W., P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota, 58576, as applicant, has this 25th day of September, 2024 filed for final bond release for completion of reclamation work on the following tract of land. Bond Release Number 6 to Permit NAFK-9601 consists of 394.2 acres of land in Section 30 and Section 31, T146N, R81W, of McLean County (see attached map). Bond Release Number 6 is located in Falkirk's approved state mining Permit NAFK-9601. The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved Permit NAFK-9601 on August 28, 1996. The worst case bond determination for Permit NAFK-9601 is not incremental and is covered by a collateral bond. The current bond coverage for Permit NAFK-9601 is \$2,831,808.00. As part of this final bond release application, Falkirk is requesting a bond reduction of \$353,998.73. Falkirk is requesting bond release stages I-IV for the completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation operations on 1.5 acres, and stages III-IV for vegetation establishment and demonstration of revegetation success on 275.4 acres, the remaining 117.3 acres are undisturbed. Mining and/or mining disturbance was initiated in 1996 and completed in 2006. Coal was removed in 1996 to 2003. Approximately 70% of the area was disturbed by mining

or associated disturbances (haul roads, stockpiles, ponds, and diversions). Final grading to post-mining contour was completed in 2006. SPMG respread and initial seeding was completed in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2007. The approved post-mining land use is cropland, one seasonal wetland, four temporary wetlands, and a portion of a section line. Reclamation was completed according to the requirements in the approved reclamation plan. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference regarding this final bond release request may be submitted by any person with an interest which is or may be affected by release of the bond to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference or hearing should be made in writing to the Commission and the request should include the issues or objections that an affected party has regarding this bond release. THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY
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(Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5 & 12, 2024)