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April 6, 1988

Mr. Richard H. Allison, Jr.
Project Supervisor
Castle Gate Coal Company
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Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Allison:

Re: Approval of PAP Amendment, BLM Approved Underground Mining Plan Sequence Change - No. 3 Mine, Castle Gate Coal Company, Price River Mine Complex, ACT/007/004-88C, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

On March 25, 1988, the Division received a copy of Castle Gate Coal Company's request for an underground mine plan sequence change at the No. 3 Mine. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved the proposal on March 23, 1988. David Darby, Division Geologist, and J. Randall Harden, Mining Engineer, have reviewed the plan. The proposed changes are consistent with mining practices and will not cause significant changes to the original approved mine plan. No adverse impacts are anticipated to occur within the mine plan or adjacent area as a result of this underground change. Please refer to the attached review memorandum for an explanation of the technical assessment and approval recommendation.

Please include all approved underground mining plan changes for the Price River Mining Complex on a revised, updated mine development map. Enclose the map as part of the annual progress report to the Division.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Data Management Coordinator

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Attachment
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March 29, 1988

TO: File

FROM: David W. Darby, Geologist 

RE: Underground Mine Plan Amendment, No. 3 Mine, Castle Gate Coal Company, ACT/007/004-88C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary

On March 25, 1988 the Division received an approval letter from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) granting Castle Gate Coal Company (CGCC) permission to modify their mining sequence (approved by the Bureau of Land Management, Moab District on March 23, 1988).

CGCC proposes to abandon approximately 1,150 feet of the 9th East panel due to a survey error made in the 8th East entry by the previous operator. The survey error causes a change in length of the 9th East longwall from 604 feet at the 38th cross-cut to 620 feet at the 36th cross-cut and then to 605 feet at the 26th cross-cut. This irregularity would create safety hazards and uneconomical mining conditions, if mined, due to adding and removing segments to the longwall miner.

The BLM has explored alternatives for the mining of this area; however, they were not feasible from either an economical or safety point of view. Randy Harden and I have both reviewed this proposal and concur with the BLM.

These changes are consistent with mining practices and will not constitute major changes to the original mine plan or cause any additional adverse effects to the mine area than have already been proposed in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

Recommendation

This amendment can be approved with no changes or conditions.

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S. Linner
R. Harden
W. Hedberg

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