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August 29, 2001

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
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1594 West North Temple  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

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*INCOMING  
C1007/004 - AM01E-1*

RE: Submittal of Revisions Associated with the Transfer of Power Lines from the Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, C/007/004-AM01E

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig,

Please find enclosed two copies of the revisions to the Castle Gate Mine permit transferring the power lines connecting Sowbelly, Hardscrabble and Crandall Canyons to the Willow Creek Mine permit.

The power lines which connected Sowbelly and Hardscrabble substations/canyons to Crandall Canyon (part of the Willow Creek Mine) need to remain in place until a final decision is made concerning the timing for the reclamation of Crandall Canyon. Therefore, it is Castle Gate Holding Company's intent to transfer the responsibilities associated with these power lines to the Willow Creek Mine (Plateau Mining Corporation), who is currently responsible for the reclamation of Crandall Canyon. As you are aware, both Castle Gate Holding Company and Plateau Mining Corporation are subsidiaries of RAG American Coal Company.

During 2001, Castle Gate Holding Company was planning on removing the substations from both Sowbelly and Hardscrabble Canyons and reclaiming the associated lands. However, this project has been postponed, thus requiring changes to our previous submittal which was reviewed by the UDOGM staff. By not removing the substations at this time, one of the TA deficiencies no longer applies and the other deficiencies have been addressed. Please note that pagination errors will be corrected with the submittal of clean copies, since we have several amendments pending the correct pagination will depend on which amendments have been approved and which have not been approved at the time for submittal of clean copies.

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A copy of this amendment is being forwarded to the Price Field Office.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment to the permit, please do not hesitate to call Johnny Pappas.

Sincerely yours,



Vicky S. Miller  
Environmental Specialist  
(435) 472-4711

Enclosures

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## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/007/004
Title of Proposal: Submittal of Revisions Associated with the Transfer of Power Lines from Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit.						Mine: Castle Gate
						Permittee: Castle Gate Holding Company

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this may be a Significant Revision and require Public Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

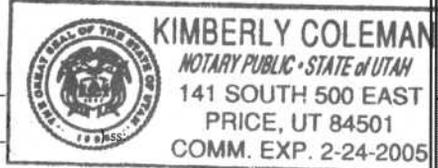
**Attach are 2 complete copies of the application for the Salt Lake Office and 1 copy is being delivered to the Price Field Office..**

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

*[Signature]*  
Signed - Name - Position - Date  
JOHANNY PAPPAS - Sr. Env. Engineer - 8/29/01

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August, 2001.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: February 24, 2005  
Attest: STATE OF Utah  
COUNTY OF Carbon



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## Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Submittal of Revisions Associated with the Transfer of Power Lines from  
Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit.

Permit Number: C/007/004

Mine: Castle Gate

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Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.2, Page 3.2-20
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.3, Pages 3.3-27 and 3.3-40
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Exhibit 3-22 (Map)
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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