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Re: Conditional Approval of 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, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The above-referenced amendment is conditionally approved upon approval of amendment AM01D for the Willow Creek Mine, where as the power line responsibility is placed into the Willow Creek Mine Permit, and upon receipt of five clean copies. Once we receive these copies and amendment AM01D is approved a stamped incorporated copy will be sent to you for your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. A copy of our Technical Analysis is enclosed for your information.

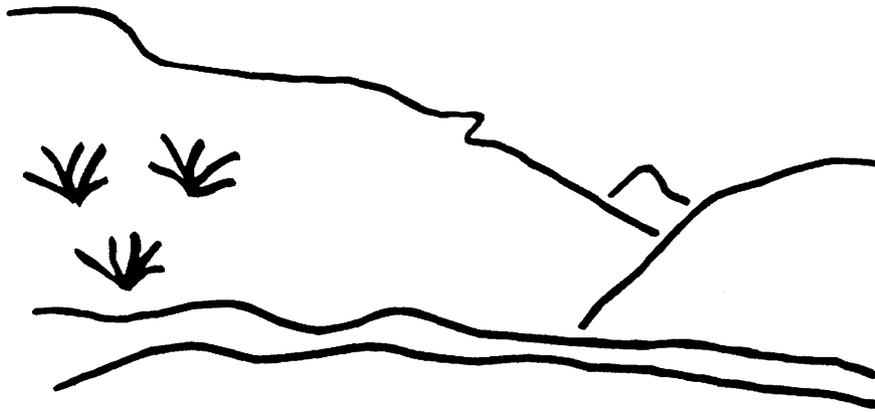
If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5268 or Karl R. Houskeeper at (435) 613-5330.

Sincerely,

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INTRODUCTION

On August 20, 2001, amendment (AM01E) submitted by Castle Gate Holding Company relative to the Transfer of Power Lines from the Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit was declined. Subsequently, (AM01E-1) was submitted on September 4, 2001 to address the deficiencies of (AM01E). Amendment (AM01E-1) retracted all information pertaining to the substations at Sowbelly and Hardscrabble since that project has been postponed. While reviewing (AM01E-1) it was noted that pagination errors still existed on page 3.3-40. This matter was reviewed with the Permit Supervisor. It was decided that an addendum to this amendment was allowed. The operator was notified and an addendum was received on September 6, 2001. With the addendum in place (AM01E-1) met all the deficiencies listed in (AM01E).

Amendment (AM01E & AM01E-1) was submitted in conjunction with amendment (C/007/038-AM01D & C/007/038-AM01D-1) that is addressed separately. Amendment (C/007/038-AM01D & C/007/038-AM01D-1) addresses the addition of the existing Power Lines into the Willow Creek Permit.

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PERMIT APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.11; R645-301-120.

Analysis:

Amendment (AM01E-1) was submitted on September 4, 2001 to address the deficiencies contained in (AM01E). Amendment (AM01E-1) retracted all information pertaining to the substations at Sowbelly and Hardscrabble since that project has been postponed. Amendment (AM01E-1) contained pagination errors on page 3.3-40. This matter was reviewed with the Permit Supervisor. It was decided that an addendum to this amendment would be allowed. The operator was notified and an addendum was received from the operator on September 6, 2001.

Findings:

With the addendum to (AM01E-1) in place, all of the criteria outlined above have been completed.

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Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.24, 783.25; R645-301-323, -301-411, -301-521, -301-622, -301-722, -301-731.

Minimum Regulatory Requirements:

The permit application must include as part of the Resource Information, the following maps, plans and cross sections:

Existing structures and facilities maps

Location and dimensions of existing areas of spoil, waste, coal development waste, and noncoal waste disposal, dams, embankments, other impoundments, and water treatment and air pollution control facilities within the proposed permit area.

Cross sections, maps, and plans included in a permit application as required by this section shall be prepared by, or under the direction of, and certified by a qualified, registered, professional engineer, a professional geologist, or in any State which authorizes land surveyors to prepare and certify such cross sections, maps, and plans, a qualified, registered, professional, land surveyor, with assistance from experts in related fields such as landscape architecture, and shall be updated periodically as required by the Division.

Analysis:

Existing Structures and Facilities Maps

Amendment (AM01E) outlined a deficiency; "Exhibit 3-22 Affected Surface Areas and Utilities map should indicate the transfer of the Power Lines to Willow Creek (C/007/038)." Amendment (AM01E-1) contains Exhibit 3-22 Affected Surface Areas and Utilities map.

Findings:

Exhibit 3-22 Affected Surface Areas and Utilities map is modified to indicate the transfer of existing Power Lines to Willow Creek (C/007/038).

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