

February 14, 2003

Patrick Gubbins, Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Price Field Office
125 South 500 West
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Phase II Bond Release – Sowbelly and Hardscrabble Canyons, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, C/007/004-BR02A and BR02B, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gubbins:

The purpose of this letter is to request your concurrence for Phase II bond release for Sowbelly and Hardscrabble Canyons at the Castle Gate Mine in accordance with 30 CFR 944.30, Article IX paragraph B of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement. The Phase II bond release inspection was conducted on August 22, 2002. The permittee has requested \$390,846 released in this Phase II bond release.

Phase II bond release is for revegetation establishment. Reclamation of the substation has been done as well as Adit #1 but is not part of this application. The road through the disturbed area was altered but left in place for the postmining land use. The Division received no public comments about the bond release.

This bond release application has not yet been sent to the Office of Surface Mining for their concurrence. We request your concurrence with this application. Please do not hesitate to call me at (801) 538-5268 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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