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**RE: Phase II and III Bond Release, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, C/007/0004, Task #4588, DOGM Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Dear Mr. Baza:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Division's (DFD) receipt and review of the above Phase II and III Bond Release Decision Document prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) dated July 9, 2014. DFD agrees with the findings and Decision Document and hereby provides OSMRE concurrence for the above bond release action in accordance with 30 CFR 740.15 (d) (3), and 30 CFR 906.30, Article IX, Section 24, of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

DOGM's Proposed Decision documents the applicant's compliance with the Utah approved regulatory program at Rule R645-301-880.

This Phase II and III bond release request applies to 5.56 acres, specifically:

- 1) 0.72 acres: Hardscrabble Canyon Substation.
- 2) 1.84 acres: Sowbelly Gulch Substation
- 3) 3.0 acres: Price Canyon Adit No. 1

OSMRE finds that Castle Gate holding Company has met or exceeded the requirements for Phase II and III bond release on these 5.56 acres of land described above. DOGM currently holds a performance bond in the amount of \$226,600. Castle Gate Holding Company is requesting the entire \$226,600 reduction in this bond. DOGM has determined that the reclamation is complete and there is no need to hold any more bonds for these lands. The Bureau of Land Management has concurred with this finding in a letter dated July 7, 2014. OSMRE also concurs with DOGM's decision.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this Federal mine bond release action through the OSMRE-DFD. Please direct any questions concerning this action to Daniel MacKinnon, Natural Resources Specialist, at [dmackinnon@osmre.gov](mailto:dmackinnon@osmre.gov) or (303) 293-5011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Boehms".

Alan Boehms  
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cc: Daron Haddock, DOGM  
Dennis Ware, Castle Gate Holding Company