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THRU: Priscilla W. Burton, Sr. Reclamation Specialist/Soils, Team Lead

FROM: Stephen J. Demczak, Sr. Reclamation Specialist/Engineering

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RE: North Lease Extension, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Skyline Mine, C/007/005-02I

SUMMARY:

The permittee has submitted a significant permit revision to the Division. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC wishes to add the North Lease or the Winter Quarters Tract to the Skyline Mines permit area. The North Lease contains 3,291 acres. This decision by the permittee is to extend the life of the Skyline Mine. At the present time, the permittee is having difficulties with the mining operations due to high flows of water entering the mine workings.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

Analysis:

The permittee has updated this section of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. This section was revised on 09/04/2002 with this submittal.

The permittee has updated maps of surface and mineral ownership, and ownership contiguous to the permit area.

TECHNICAL MEMO

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

VIOLATION INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.15(b); 30 CFR 773.23; 30 CFR 778.14; R645-300-132; R645-301-113

Analysis:

The violation information has been updated in this submittal. The information was revised October 2002 in this submittal.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

RIGHT OF ENTRY

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 778.15; R645-301-114

Analysis:

The information is on Page 1-35 in the Mining and Reclamation Plan. The permittee has added additional information on Page 1-36 and 1-37 in this submittal. The Bureau of Land Management has assigned UTU-67939 Winter Quarter Lease to Coastal States Energy Company in 1996.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND STATUS OF UNSUITABILITY CLAIMS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 778.16; 30 CFR 779.12(a); 30 CFR 779.24(a)(b)(c); R645-300-121.120; R645-301-112.800; R645-300-141; R645-301-115.

Analysis:

The information was in the Mining and Reclamation Plan. This information was last revised on July 17, 2002.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

PERMIT TERM

Regulatory References: 30 CFR 778.17; R645-301-116.

Analysis:

The permit terms are every five years. This information is on Page 1-40 in the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT

Regulatory References: 30 CFR 778.21; 30 CFR 773.13; R645-300-120; R645-301-117.200.

Analysis:

The permittee has not given proof of public advertisements to the Division.

Findings

The permittee has not met the minimum requirements of this section. Prior to approval, the permittee must comply with the following R645 Coal Rule.

R645-301-117.200, The permittee must supply the Division a copy of a newspaper advertisement of the application for significant revision of a permit. This information must be added to the submittal.

FILING FEE

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.17; R645-301-118.

Analysis:

Not required for this review.

TECHNICAL MEMO

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

PERMIT APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENTS

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

Analysis:

The permittee has submitted a map and plans having the necessary format and content requirements.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

REPORTING OF TECHNICAL DATA

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.13; R645-301-130.

Analysis:

Maps are P.E. certified. Consulting firms have been identified in Section 2.1.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

MAPS AND PLANS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.14; R645-301-140.

Analysis:

The permittee submitted maps that are larger than 1:24,000. This meets the requirements.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

COMPLETENESS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.15; R645-301-150.

Analysis:

The Division has determined that this Significant Revision is complete.

Findings

The permittee has met the minimum requirements of this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This significant Revision is not recommended for approval. The permittee has not met the minimum requirements of the R645 Coal Rules. Prior to approval, the permittee must comply with the following R645 Coal Rules.

R645-301-117.200, The permittee must supply to the Division a copy of a newspaper advertisements of the application for significant revision of a permit. This information must be added to the submittal.