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RE: Proposed Changes to the Postmining Land Use, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-97F-1, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

On October 7, 1997, the Division received amendment 97F1 for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The amendment was in response to the deficiencies found in 97F.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

RECLAMATION ENGINEERING PLAN

Road Systems And Other Transportation Facilities

Analysis:

The Division stated in the response to 97F that the Permittee failed to meet their commitment in Section 5.27 of the MRP. In section 5.27 of the MRP the Permittee states:

“The haulage road will be retained throughout the life of the coal loadout facilities. Should retention of the road be desired beyond this time, maintenance and drainage control will be provided. Upon permanent termination of all operations within this property, reclamation will be in accordance with pertinent Division rules.”

In amendment 97F1 the Permittee is asking for a change in the postmining land use not for bond release. At this time the Permittee is not required to provide the Division with drainage control designs. **Prior to bond release the Permittee must provide the Division with detailed**

road and drainage designs for all roads that will be retained as part of the postmining land use.

Findings:

The Permittee has met the minimum regulatory requirements of this section. Prior to bond release the Permittee will provide the Division with detailed road and drainage designs for all roads that will be retained as part of the postmining land use.

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.23; R645-301-323, -301-512, -301-521, -301-542, -301-632, -301-731.

Analysis:

Final surface configuration maps.

Map No. 412.01 shows the contours elevations on the land those postmining land use is proposed to be changed to heavy industrial.

Findings:

The Permittee has met the minimum regulatory requirements of this section.

POSTMINING LAND USES

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.15, 784.200, 785.16, 817.133; R645-301-412, -301-413, -301-414, -302-270, -302-271, -302-272, -302-273, -302-274, -302-275.

Analysis:

R645-301-526 and R645-301-541.300 require the Permittee to include a narrative explaining the removal of mine structure and facilities unless their retention is necessary for the postmining land use.

Under the approved MRP the Permittee will reclaim the plant area including the plant railroad track. As part of the change in the postmining land use the Permittee wants to retain: the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation,

power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River

In Section 5.62 of amendment 97F1 the Permittee states that those structures listed above will be left for the proposed postmining land use. The Permittee states that those structures have been found to be acceptable for the postmining land use. In BR97 received on October 14, 1997, the Permittee states that: the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation, power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River are needed to support the postmining land use. The Permittee also gives some detailed reasons why those structures are needed for the proposed postmining land use change.

The Division has determined that the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation, power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River are needed to support the proposed coal gasification plant. In the event that the coal gasification plant was not constructed those facilities could be used to support other industrial uses.

The Division has enough information make the finding that the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation, power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River are needed for the postmining land use. However, that information must be incorporated into the MRP. Therefore, the Division should approve this section with the stipulation that the Permittee incorporate the information on the postmining use of those structures as given in BR97 into the MRP.

Findings:

The Permittee gave the Division enough information to meet the requirements of R645-301-526 and R645-301-541.300. **Since not all of the information was contained in amendment 97F1 the Division stipulates that the Permittee incorporate the information given in BR97 on why the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation, power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River are needed to support the postmining land use into the MRP.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Permittee's request to change the postmining land use to heavy industrial with the stipulation that the Permittee update the MRP to document the need to leave the track hopper and raw coal conveyor, the sand hopper, the plant railroad, and the substation, power line and natural gas line that is west of the Price River.