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August 20, 2004

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple
Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Streaming
C/007/0016

RE: Proof of Publication for Permit Renewal, Mountain Coal Company, LLC, Gordon
Creek No. 2/7/8, C/007/016

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed please find four copies of the affidavit of publication from the Sun Advocate
pertaining to the Permit Renewal for Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8.

Please contact Chris Hansen at (435) 448-2669 or Vicky Miller at (435) 636-2869, if there
are any questions concerning this submittal.

Sincerely yours,

Vicky S. Miller

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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change: New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

Mine: Gordon Creek

Permit Number: C/007/016

Title: Proof of Publication for Permit Renewal

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Submitted of Permit Renewal information

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: _____ increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies. Dates 2004. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

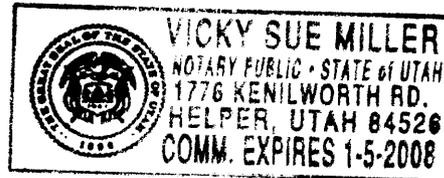
CHRIS D. HANSEN
Print Name

Chris Hansen Agent Representative, 8-19-04
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of AUGUST, 2004

Vicky Sue Miller
Notary Public

My commission expires 1-5, 2008
Attest: State of UTAH } ss:
County of CARBON



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SS.

County of Carbon,)

I, Ken Larson, on oath, say that I am the Publisher of the Sun Advocate, a twice-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at Price, State a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the full issue of such newspaper for 4 (Four) consecutive issues, and the the first publication was on the 1st day of June, 2004, and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 22nd day of June, 2004.

Ken G. Larson

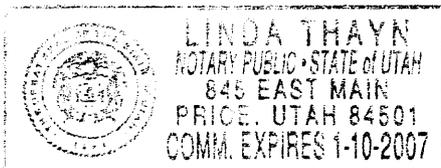
Ken G Larson - Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of June, 2004.

Linda Thayne

Notary Public My commission expires January 10, 2007 Residing at Price, Utah

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PERMIT RENEWAL
GORDON CREEK NO. 2/7/8 MINES
MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
SOMERSET, COLORADO 81434**

Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C., P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arch Western Resources, L.L.C., has filed with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for renewal of its Mining and Reclamation Plan Permit for its Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines. Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines are located in Bryner Canyon approximately 20 road miles Northwest of Price, Utah. The permit area is described as follows:

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah
Sec. 18: N1/2SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4

The permit area is located on the Jump Creek, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

The Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine had been in operation since 1969, and operated under permit ACT/007/016 since 1984.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines were closed in November, 1990. Final reclamation of the minesite was completed in 1997. Additional regrading was completed in July, 1999. Phase I Bond Release was approved in January, 2003.

This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said act.

A copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan and the application for renewal is available for inspection at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining office, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah, and at the Records Office located in the Carbon County Courthouse in Price, Utah.

Written comments, objects of requests for informal conferences on the application may be submitted to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, 1594 West Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. Comments must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice.

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