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Dear Mr. 2~:

Re: Permit Renewal Application, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) has completed a review of the application for permit renewal and the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the Soldier Canyon Mine. The Division has determined the application to be administratively complete. In compliance with Utah Coal Mining Rules R614-300-121.300, R614-300-121.310, R614-300-121.320 and the Utah Coal Mining Reclamation Act (UCA Section 40-10-1 et seq), notice is hereby given to all appropriate agencies having a jurisdiction over or an interest in the area of the operations that a complete plan is available for public review.

Soldier Creek Coal Company is proposing to renew its permanent program mining permit for the Soldier Canyon Mine. This renewal application maintains the same permit boundary as approved in the currently approved permit. No new areas of disturbance are to be added with this renewal. The operator has supplied proposed plans for a future waste rock disposal site but this area will not be added to the permit area during the renewal process. The waste rock site will be handled under a separate permit revision at a later date.

The permit area is located on the Deadman Canyon and Pine Canyon U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The existing surface facilities at the Soldier Canyon Mine are located approximately 12 miles north of U. S. Highway 6 & 50, on Soldier Creek Road.

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The following areas comprise the permit area:

Township 13 South, Range 12 East, SLBM

Section 4: All
Section 5: All
Section 6: All
Section 7: All
Section 8: All
Section 9: W 1/2, NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4
Section 17: N 1/2,
Section 18: N 1/2 N 1/2, SE 1/4 NE 1/4,
S 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4,
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4

Township 13 South, Range 11 East, SLBM

Section 12: E 1/2, E 1/2 W 1/2
Section 13: N 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4,
NE 1/4 SE 1/4
Section 24: S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Portion of SE 1/4 SE 1/4
Section 25: N 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Portion of N 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4,
Portion of S 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4

Township 12 South, Range 12 East, SLBM

Section 32: NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2

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The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will now undertake a technical review to determine whether the plan meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of UCA, Section 40-10-1 et seq.

Upon completion of the technical review for said plan, a decision will be made as to approval or disapproval of the permit renewal application. No decision will be taken by the Director for a minimum period of 30 days after submission of this Notice of Availability to the appropriate agencies. This plan is available for public review at: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203.

Comments on the MRP may be addressed to the Director of this office:

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For further information, please contact: Mr. Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director, Mining, or Mr. Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor, at the above address.

Sincerely,



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