

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF UTAH)

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 that the first publication was on the 16th day of July, 2002, and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 6th day of August, 2002.

Ken G. Larson

Ken G Larson - Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 2002.

Linda Thayne

Notary Public My commission expires January 10, 2003 Residing at Price, Utah

Publication fee, \$ 501.76



PUBLIC NOTICE

**APPLICATION FOR PHASE II BOND RELEASE
SOWBELLY GULCH NO. 5 MINE
CASTLE GATE HOLDING COMPANY
CASTLE GATE MINE
PERMIT C/007/004, APPROVED 12/24/94
CARBON COUNTY, UTAH**

Castle Gate Holding Company, 999 Corporate Blvd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, has completed Phase II of the approved reclamation plan for Sowbelly Gulch No. 5 Mine area of the Castle Gate Mine. This is based on meeting the vegetation and water quality requirements for Phase II reclamation in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. The reclamation of 18.2 acres of Sowbelly Gulch was completed in 1995.

In accordance with the provisions of R645-301-880, of the State of Utah R645-Coal Mining Rules, notice is hereby given to the general public that Castle Gate Holding Company is applying for partial release of the performance bond posted for this operation.

The surety bond posted for the Castle Gate Mine is \$1,071,000 of which \$369,946 is designated for the Sowbelly Gulch reclamation. Castle Gate Holding Company is seeking release of \$136,946 from the Sowbelly Gulch portion of the bond. All earthwork and revegetation has been completed on site, except for the removal of an electrical substation and access road. Reclamation of these areas will be completed when transmission of power from the substation is no longer necessary.

The Sowbelly Gulch No. 5 Mine is located on the Standardville, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The mine site is located in Sowbelly Gulch, approximately 4 miles west-northwest of Helper, Utah. Reclamation work was performed on approximately 18.2 acres of disturbed and affected area located on the following described lands:

Township 13 South, Range 9 East, SLB&M, Utah
Section 4: NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4
Section 9: NW1/4NW1/4

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will now evaluate the proposal to determine whether it meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Rules.

Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or information conference on this proposal may be addressed to:

Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Closing date for submission of such comments, objections and requests for public hearing or information conference on this proposal must be submitted by September 5, 2002.

Published in the Sun Advocate July 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 2002.