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TO: Internal File

FROM: Stephen J. Demczak, Reclamation Specialist/Engineering, Team Lead

RE: Power Line Transfer, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038-01D-2

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SUMMARY:

The permittee would like to transfer power lines at Sowbelly, Hardscrabble, and Crandall Canyon to the Willow Creek Mine. Currently, these power lines are in the Castle Gate Permit. These power lines may be part of a land-sell at Crandall Canyon. Castle Gate Holding Company and Plateau Mining Corporation are subsidiaries of RAG American Coal Company.

BACKGROUND:

The review has taken additional time. There was some speculation that Utah Power and Light might own these power lines, as is the case at several mines in this area. The permittee was asked to review their legal document to find out if PacifiCorp (Utah Power and Light) might own and control these power lines. After several weeks, the records showed that these power lines did belong to Castle Gate Holding Company.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

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.

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Analysis:

The power lines are shown on Figure 4.5-13. This figure shows the entire map as the permit area. The figure should show the utility corridor as being in the permit area not the entire area.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed amendment is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section. Prior to approval, the permittee must provide the following in accordance with:

R645-300-121.120 – A map or description clearly shows or describes the precise location and boundaries of the proposed permit area. The permittee will also need to update the legal description within the Willow Creek Permit. Chapter one will need to be updated.

OPERATION PLAN

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF MINING OPERATIONS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.23; R645-301-512, -301-521, -301-542, -301-632, -301-731, -302-323.

Analysis:

Mining Facilities Maps

Figure 4.5-13 shows is the power line and the new permitted area. This map is Professional Engineer certified by John W. Borla, badge No. 472351.

Findings:

The information provided is consider complete and meets the requirements of this section of the R645 Coal Rules.

RECLAMATION PLAN

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: PL 95-87 Sec. 515 and 516; 30 CFR Sec. 784.13, 784.14, 784.15, 784.16, 784.17, 784.18, 784.19, 784.20, 784.21, 784.22, 784.23, 784.24, 784.25, 784.26; R645-301-231, -301-233, -301-322, -301-323, -301-331, -301-333, -301-341, -301-342, -301-411, -301-412, -301-422, -301-512, -301-513, -301-521, -301-522, -301-525, -301-526, -301-527, -301-528, -301-529, -301-531, -301-533, -301-534, -301-536, -301-537, -301-542, -301-623, -301-624,

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-301-625, -301-626, -301-631, -301-632, -301-731, -301-723, -301-724, -301-725, -301-726, -301-728, -301-729,
-301-731, -301-732, -301-733, -301-746, -301-764, -301-830.

Analysis:

The permittee will cut the power poles below the surface and remove associated wiring and poles from the site.

Findings:

The information provided is consider complete and meets the requirements of this section of the R645 Coal Rules.

BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 800; R645-301-800, et seq.

Analysis:

Determination of bond amount

The permittee has not addressed this section in the amendment.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed amendment is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section. Prior to approval, the permittee must provide the following in accordance with:

R645-301-800. - The permittee must calculate the cost of reclamation of the power line corridor and update the bonding section in the Mining and Reclamation Plan to reflect the additional cost.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prior to approval, the requirements of R645-300-121.120, and R645-301-800 must be provided as outlined above.