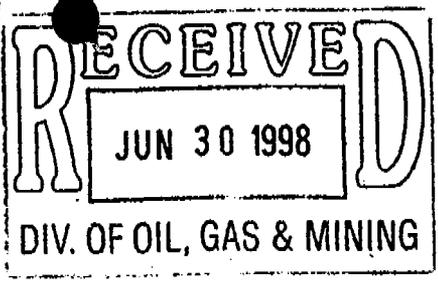


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Daron Haddock
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

R645-300-123

Copy Daron, May 6
Joe & Don
PR0/003/041

Dear Mr. Haddock:

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We as a adjacent land owner have some concerns about the West Ridge Mine purpose by Andalex. The first is the fan noise that will be a constant presents to us for the life of the mine. We would like management to provide to us the information concerning the steps they have taken to insure minimum noise related to the fan operation. Who have they consulted with to insure that a informed decision has been made. What options are available? Why this decision was selected. A person we can contact so we can receive information to help us with a informed decision.

We would like information concerning location of mining activity related to our property. Has surface property lines been established? Where has the water monitoring been conducted? Is there a plan to mine under or next to the Thayns property? Activity that could effect water flows, water quality, air quality, and any other right relating to our property is a concern to us. Please have them address these concerns before approving the mining permit

Thank You, George M Thayn

G. Milton Thayn (Father)
7730 East Hwy 6
Price, Utah 84501
(435) 637-0261

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call these people

Robin & David Thayn (son)
435-637-9369

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DATED this 27th day of July, 1998.

STATE OF UTAH
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/s/ Mary Ann Wright
 Associated Director of Mining
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 August 26, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as
 possible, in the Board Room of the Department of Natural Resources,
 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1040A, Salt Lake City, UT 84114.
 The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Utah
 Administrative Rulemaking Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 63-46a-1 et
 seq. (1993), as amended, and the "Procedural Rules of the Board."
 The purpose of the proceeding will be for the Board to
 receive public comment on proposed rule amendments in the
 Coal Regulatory Program at R645-300-24.300 (Raptor Information
 Confidentiality) and R645-301-731.530 (Hydrology).
 Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant
 to the procedural rules of the Board. The proposed rule amend-
 ments, and any subsequent comments may be inspected in the
 office of the undersigned. Written comment may be filed with
 the Secretary of the Board until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September
 14, 1998.
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 801-538-5327 at least three working days prior to the hearing date.
 DATED this 5th day of August, 1998.
 STATE OF UTAH
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 Dave D. Lauriski, Chairman
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL
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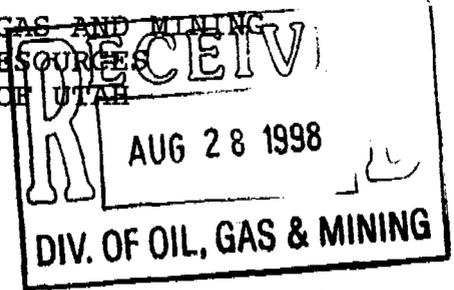
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9 informal discussions on the permit, but I would say for
10 the two of you that if there are other issues that you'd
11 like to discuss, feel very free to raise those as the
12 opportunity comes along.

13 Having said all that, let's go off the record,
14 and Dave, if you'd make a presentation on the general
15 description of the permit, or whatever you're prepared to
16 do, please feel free to do that.

17 (A discussion was held off the record.)

18 MR. BRAXTON: We're now resuming the formal
19 part of this hearing. We've had about an hour and three-
20 quarters' worth of informal discussion between West Ridge
21 Resources, with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, and
22 the Thayns. I think we've touched informally on a number
23 of the issues that were raised in the request for this
24 hearing.

25 We've had a discussion on fan noise. We've

1 had a discussion of surface property lines, how these
2 maps are actually surveyed, and the relative accuracy of
3 the maps that the mining company is turning in. We've
4 talked about the water monitoring program that's required
5 as baseline information for the permit. We've talked
6 about the need to continue water monitoring during the
7 mining phase and through the final reclamation phase.

8 We've talked about the frequency of water
9 monitoring; that is, quarterly water monitoring, in most
10 instances. The monitoring that the Division will require
11 the applicant to conduct will look at both flow and
12 chemistry. We've discussed the option -- or the idea
13 that if there are changes in water monitoring parameters,
14 how the Division will analyze those and what some of the
15 recourse methods would be.

16 We've talked about the extent of underground
17 mining; in other words, how many acres will be involved
18 in the underground mine plan, how far the underground
19 mine workings will be from the Thayns' properties.

20 We've talked about the effect of mining on
21 surface water flows. Again, that ties back to the water
22 monitoring that I just mentioned a minute ago -- not only
23 that, but water quality. We had a good discussion on the
24 air quality permit, which is part of the permit
25 application package for this coal mine.

1 And we've discussed other issues in general:
2 our inspection program, that is, the inspection program
3 that the Division does on a monthly basis for operating
4 coal mines from the time the operation begins through
5 final reclamation. We've talked a little bit about the
6 final reclamation plan, how the plan that the applicant
7 has turned in will ultimately address postmining land use
8 issues and how the viability of this land will continue
9 after reclamation.

10 I think that's a rough summary of what we've
11 done in the informal part of it. At this juncture, I'd
12 like to ask anybody in the public if they have other
13 concerns that they would like to have addressed or if
14 they have concerns on the issues that I just touched
15 bases on. So if either of the Thayns would like to speak
16 at this time, this is a good opportunity to do it.

17 If you have remarks that you want to make,
18 please make them as specifically as you possibly can --
19 and we're recording what you're saying -- and we'll make
20 every effort to address those.

21 MR. DAVID THAYN: My name's David Thayn. I
22 appreciate the opportunity of having these things -- you
23 know, the information provided to us. Our only -- I'd
24 like to have continued feedback on their decisions as far
25 as the fan noise, you know, what -- with what steps

1 they're going to take to reduce fan noise as the decision
2 gets closer. I think the other issues have been
3 addressed. I appreciate your time and effort.

4 MR. BRAXTON: Is there anybody else that would
5 like to make remarks for the record?

6 I think the next step, then, is for me to look
7 at the remarks that you've just made. And it sounds like
8 what you would like is additional feedback on the
9 technical design for noise abatement on the fan.

10 I guess I would say that at any time during
11 the permitting process -- this is a public document; you
12 can come and review it. We don't have a lot of citizen
13 complaints in Utah, I think, because we do a lot of work
14 on these permits and try to iron out as many issues as we
15 can during the permitting process. But should something
16 come up during the operational phase of the permit that
17 -- that you believe is not correct under the permit and
18 under the regulations, you do have an opportunity to
19 raise that concern informally with the Division. You
20 could contact Mary Ann Wright or you could contact Pete
21 Hess with the Price Field Office, and we'd be glad to
22 follow up on those.

23 I think our regulatory program is designed to
24 ensure that the permits operate smoothly and that
25 citizens' rights, as well as coal operators' rights,

1 function in harmony. So we would appreciate comments as
2 the process goes on if you do have valid concerns.

3 I have to make a finding on what I've heard
4 this evening, I think, within 30 days of now. It will be
5 a written finding. I presume each of you would like a
6 copy of those remarks returned to you. And I'll do
7 that. We have your name and address on the letter that
8 you sent us.

9 And I'd like to thank you very much for the
10 interest that you've shown in this and constructive
11 dialogue that we've had this evening. So if there are no
12 additional remarks that need to be made, I think we'll
13 close this hearing and go off the record.

14 Thank you very much.

15 (Proceedings concluded at 8:53 p.m.)
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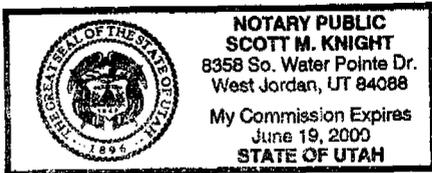
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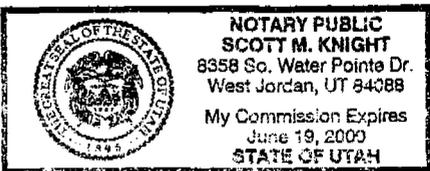
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MR. BRAXTON: Why don't we go ahead and start. We're going to go on the record. The rules for conducting a conference like this require the formal parts of that conference to be recorded. This is the informal hearing for the West Ridge mine permit application, and we refer to that as PRO/007/041. This is an underground coal mine that's being proposed for Carbon County, Utah.

The -- the reason that we're here is, the coal permitting process anticipates a lot of public comment in the permitting process. And as the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, I want to welcome everybody here. I'm Lowell Braxton, the acting director for the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

We believe that the type of information, the change that results from the public process is good for the people that live in the coal community. It gives us quality permit applications. It makes the permitting process something that's more readily understood by the people in the community. So we welcome this type of opportunity to talk about the coal permitting process.

I think everybody here has an agenda for this meeting. I want to touch on the way we're going to conduct the meeting. The first section of the meeting is

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a welcome and introduction section. That's the part that we're doing right now. And we're doing that on the record because I want the record for this meeting to show how the subject was introduced and why we're here.

The next three agenda items are going to be done informally. And those agenda items are the presentation of the plan by West Ridge Resources, Inc., the status of the plan and review. There's going to be some information presented by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining staff. And at this time, I think members of the public that requested this hearing, and anybody else that should come, is going to -- are going to be given an opportunity to talk to both West Ridge, Inc., and the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining to try to answer as many questions as we can about the permit.

I don't intend to stick to the time lines that are shown in the -- on the right side of the agenda. I'd like to spend as much time on any of these issues as we can to make people feel very comfortable with the issues.

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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED : INFORMAL CONFERENCE
WEST RIDGE MINE, ANDALEX :
RESOURCES, INC., CARBON : FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS
COUNTY, UTAH : AND ORDER
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: CAUSE NO. PRO/007/041

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On August 20, 1998, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division") held an informal conference concerning the proposed West Ridge Mine, West Ridge Resources, Inc., Carbon County, Utah. The following individuals attended:

Presiding: Lowell P. Braxton
Acting Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Petitioner: G. Milton Thayn
David Thayn

Applicant: Jean Semborski
Dave Shaver
West Ridge Resources, Inc.

The findings, conclusions, and order in this matter are based on information provided by the Petitioner and Applicant in connection with this informal conference, and on information in the files of the Division.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On August 20, 1998, an informal conference was held to review a public request for additional information concerning the permit application package for the proposed West Ridge coal mine. As a result of a review of all pertinent data and facts presented at the informal conference, the following shall constitute the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

A newspaper notice was published in the local newspaper on May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 1998, providing notice to the public that an administratively complete copy of the West Ridge coal mine permit application package was available for public comment. On June 30, 1998, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received a request for an informal conference to seek information on how the permit application package addressed minimization of fan noise, location of the permit with respect to the Thayn's property, nature and extent of water monitoring, nature and extent of proposed underground workings with respect to the Thayn's property, how mining could affect water flow, water quality and air quality, and general background information on how proposed mining operations at the West Ridge Mine would be accomplished within the Division's regulatory framework. On July 27, 1998, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining provided notice of intent to conduct an informal conference in Price, Utah, at 7:00 p.m. on August 20, 1998.

The informal conference was convened shortly after 7:00 p.m. at the Carbon County Courthouse. The following Division employees were in attendance: Lowell Braxton, Conference Officer; Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining; Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor; Bob Davidson, Senior Reclamation Specialist; and Pete Hess, Senior Reclamation Specialist. Persons requesting the conference were Mr. Milton Thayn and Mr. David Thayn. West Ridge Resources, Inc. was represented by Ms. Jean Semborski and Mr. Dave Shaver.

An agenda for the informal conference was distributed as was a copy of the R645-300-122 and 123 rules governing comments, objections to permit applications and informal conferences resulting therefrom. The conference agenda consisted of six parts:

1. Welcome, Introduction, Background and Purpose
2. Presentation of the Mining and Reclamation Plan
3. Status of the Plan and the Division's Technical Review
4. Public Identification of Issues

5. Addressing Concerns
6. Closure and Follow-up Plan

A written record was made for all discussion relating to agenda items 1, 4, 5 and 6, and is available for review by parties of the conference. Agenda items 2 and 3 were an overview of the permit application package by West Ridge personnel, and an overview of the Division's application review process and mine inspection procedures by Messrs. Haddock, Davidson and Hess. Issues raised in the conference request were discussed by West Ridge, the Division and the Thayns in an informal, off the record, manner to ensure Milton Thayn and David Thayn were fully informed prior to creating a conference record on these issues.

At the conclusion of the discussions for agenda items 2 and 3, the transcript record for the conference was reestablished. At this point the Conference Officer summarized the issues that had been informally discussed during the preceding one hour and forty minutes, and asked members of the public (in this case David Thayn and Milton Thayn) if they had concerns on the issues that they had identified or any other specific concerns they would like to raise for the record.

Mr. David Thayn identified himself and stated: "our only-- I'd like to have continued feed back on their decision as far as fan noise, you know, what-- with what steps they're going to take to reduce fan noise as the decision gets closer. I think the other issues have been addressed. I appreciate your time and effort."

No other comments or concerns were raised for the record. After brief concluding remarks, the informal conference was ended.

1. Request for the informal conference was appropriately made and timely.
2. The informal conference was appropriately noticed.
3. The issues raised by the Thayn's June 9, 1998, letter requesting the conference were identified as a matter of record at the conference.

4. The Thayns did not object to the permit application package at the Addressing Concerns or the Public Identification of Issues portion of the conference or at any other opportunity, but requested additional information on how West Ridge Resources, Inc. proposes to minimize fan noise as the final decision for the permit is made.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

No issues requiring an amendment or revision to the permit application package were identified at the conference.

ORDER

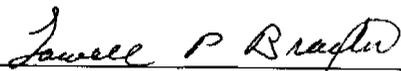
NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that:

The Division shall continue its ordinary review of the West Ridge permit application package, and when final designs for the mine fan and noise reduction for the fan are received, the Division shall provide these to the Thayns. Should the Thayns request an opportunity to discuss fan noise reduction designs, the Division will assign a Reclamation Specialist versed in this issue to meet with the Thayns.

APPEAL PROVISIONS

As anticipated at R645-300-200, within 30 days of your receipt of this order, you or your agent may make a written appeal of these findings and order to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Failure to comply with the 30-day requirement will result in a waiver of your right of further recourse.

SO DETERMINED AND ORDERED this 14th day of September, 1998.



Lowell P. Braxton, Acting Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
State of Utah

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER for Cause No. ACT/007/041 to be mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, on the 15th day of September, 1998, to the following:

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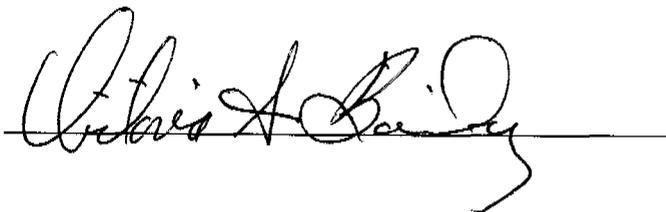
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AGENDA

INFORMAL HEARING

August 20, 1998

WEST RIDGE MINE PERMIT APPLICATION

- Recorded*
- Welcome, Introductions, Background and Purpose - -
Lowell Braxton, Acting Director 15 Minutes
- Recorded*
- Presentation of Plan - -
West Ridge Resources, Inc. 15 Minutes
- This formal discussion*
- Status of Plan and Review - -
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Staff 10 Minutes
- Public Identification of Issues - -
Public and DOGM Staff 20 to 30 Minutes
(or as needed)
- Recorded*
- Addressing Concerns - -
DOGM Staff, West Ridge Resources and Public 20 Minutes
- Recorded*
- Closure and Follow-up Plan - -
Lowell Braxton 10 Minutes

122. Comments and Objections on Permit Application.
- 122.100. Within 30 days of the last newspaper publication, written comments or objections to an application for a permit, significant revision to a permit under R645-303-220, or renewal of a permit under R645-303-230 may be submitted to the Division by public entities notified under R645-300-121.300 with respect to the effects of the proposed coal mining and reclamation operation on the environment within their areas of responsibility.
- 122.200. Written objections to an application for a permit, significant revision to a permit under R645-303-220, or renewal of a permit under R645-303-230 may be submitted to the Division by any person having an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the decision on the application, or by an officer or head of any federal, state, or local government agency or authority, within 30 days after the last publication of the newspaper notice required by R645-300-121.
- 122.300. The Division will upon receipt of such written comments or objections:
- 122.310. Transmit a copy of the comments or objections to the applicants; and
- 122.320. File a copy for public inspection at the Division.
123. Informal Conferences.
- 123.100. Any person having an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the decision on the application, or an officer or head of a federal, state, or local government agency, may request in writing that the Division hold an informal conference on the application for a permit, significant revision to a permit under R645-303-220, or renewal of a permit under R645-303-230. The request will:
- 123.110. Briefly summarize the issues to be raised by the requestor at the conference;
- 123.120. State whether the requestor desires to have the conference conducted in the locality of the proposed coal mining and reclamation operation; and
- 123.130. Be filed with the Division no later than 30 days after the last publication of the newspaper advertisement required under R645-300-121.
- 123.200. Except as provided in R645-300-123.300, if an informal conference is requested in accordance with R645-300-123.100, the Division will hold an informal conference within 30 days following the receipt of the request. The informal conference will be conducted as follows:
- 123.210. If requested under R645-300-123.120, it will be held in the locality of the proposed coal mining and reclamation operation.
- 123.220. The date, time, and location of the informal conference will be sent to the applicant and other parties to the conference and advertised by the Division in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed coal mining and reclamation operation at least two weeks before the scheduled conference.
- 123.230. If requested in writing by a conference requestor at a reasonable time before the conference, the Division may arrange with the applicant to grant parties to the conference access to the proposed permit area and, to the extent that the applicant has the right to grant access to it, to the adjacent area prior to the established date of the conference for the purpose of gathering information relevant to the conference.
- 123.240. The requirements of the Procedural Rules of the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (R641 Rules) will apply to the conduct of the informal conference. The conference will be conducted by a representative of the Division, who may accept oral or written statements and any other relevant information from any party to the conference. An electronic or stenographic record will be made of the conference, unless waived by all the parties. The record will be maintained and will be accessible to the parties of the conference until final release of the applicant's performance bond or other equivalent guarantee pursuant to R645-301-800.
- 123.300. If all parties requesting the informal conference withdrew their request before the conference is held, the informal conference may be canceled.
- 123.400. An informal conference held in accordance with R645-300-123 may be used by the Division as the public hearing required under R645-103-234 on proposed relocation or closing of public roads.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED WEST RIDGE MINE, AND ALEX
RESOURCES, INC., CARBON COUNTY, UTAH.

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE
ENTITLED MATTER.

Notice is hereby given that the Division of Oil, Gas and
Mining ("Division") will conduct an informal conference on
Thursday, August 20, 1998, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Car-
bon County Court House, Carbon County Commission Cham-
bers, 120 East Main, Price, Utah.

The informal conference will be conducted in accordance
with the Utah Code Ann. ss 40-10-13 (1993, as amended) and
Utah Admin. R. 645-300-112 and R. 645-300-123.

Concerns about the proposed West Ridge Mine have been
received. An informal conference will be conducted to accept
written or oral statements from any party and to accept any
other relevant information pertaining to the permitting of the
West Ridge Mine.

Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant
to Utah Admin. R. 645-300-123. The application, subsequent
public comments, and request for informal conference may be
inspected in the office of the undersigned, 1594 West North
Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons re-
quiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable
them to participate in this conference should call Vicki Bailey at
(801) 538-5304, at least three working days prior to the hearing
date.

DATED this 27th day of July, 1998.

STATE OF UTAH
DIV. OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

/s/ Mary Ann Wright
Associated Director of Mining
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
State of Utah

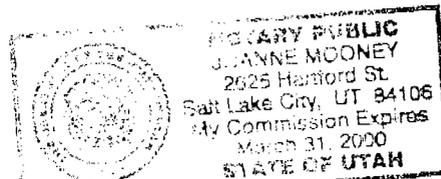
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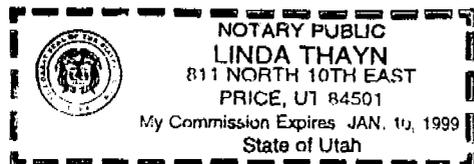
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ANDALEX-RESOURCES, INC.,
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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this conference should all Vicki Bailey at (801) 538-5304, at least three working days prior to the hearing date.

DATED this 27th day of July, 1998.

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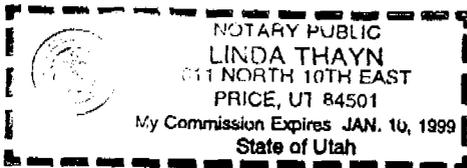
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Michael O. Leavitt
 Governor

Lowell P. Braxton
 Division Director

July 28, 1998

Facsimile Transmittal
 (801) 237-2775

Newspaper Agency
 Legal Desk
 135 South Main
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: Notice of Informal Conference

Enclosed is a Notice of Informal Conference before the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining,
 Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
PO Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801
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Sun Advocate
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845 East Main
P. O. Box 870
Price, Utah 84501-0870

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Enclosed is a notice of Informal Conference from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

It is requested that this notice be published ONCE ONLY as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, August 4, 1998, in both the Sun Advocate and Emery County Progress. In the event that said notice cannot be published by this date, please notify me immediately by calling (801) 538-5304.

Upon completion of this request, please send proof of publication and statement of cost to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, P. O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria A. Bailey".

Victoria A. Bailey
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

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WEST RIDGE MINE

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

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 DAVID & ROBIN THAYN
 7732 E HWY 6
 PRICE UT 84501

4. Article Number
 P 540 714 059

Type of Service:
 Registered Insured
 Certified COD
 Express Mail Return Receipt for Merchandise

Always obtain signature of addressee or agent and **DATE DELIVERED**.

5. Signature - Address
 X *David Thayne*

6. Signature - Agent
 X

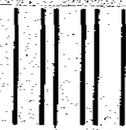
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PRICE, UT
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 1594 W NORTH TEMPLE STE 1210
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DOGM VB PRO/007/041 INFORMAL CONFERENCE

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL
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 (See Reverse)

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City, State and Zip Code PRICE UT 84501	Special Delivery Fee	Return Receipt showing to whom, Date, and Addressee's Address
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		Postage or Date:

PRICE, UT
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PS Form 3800, June 1985 U.S.G.P.O. 1989-234-555

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3. Article Addressed to:
 G MILTON THAYN
 7730 E HWY 6
 PRICE UT 84501

4. Article Number
 P 540 714 058

Type of Service:
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 Certified COD
 Express Mail Return Receipt for Merchandise

Always obtain signature of addressee or agent and DATE DELIVERED.

5. Signature - Address
 X *Ardith Thayne*

6. Signature - Agent
 X

7. Date of Delivery

8. Addressee's Address (ONLY if requested and fee paid)

PS Form 3811, Mar. 1988

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 1594 W NORTH TEMPLE STE 1210
 BOX 145801
 SALT LAKE CITY UT 84114-5801

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RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL
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3. Article Addressed to:
JEAN SEMBORSKI ENVR COORD
WEST RIDGE RESOURCES INC
6750 AIRPORT RD
P O BOX 902
PRICE UT 84501

4. Article Number
P 074 976 900

Type of Service:
 Registered Insured
 Certified COD
 Express Mail Return Receipt for Merchandise

Always obtain signature of addressee or agent and DATE DELIVERED.

5. Signature - Address
X

8. Addressee's Address (ONLY if requested and fee paid)

6. Signature - Agent
X

7. Date of Delivery
9-15-98

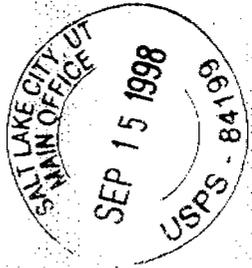
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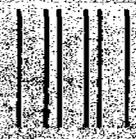
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DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING
1584 W NORTH TEMPLE STE 1210
BOX 146801
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84114-6801

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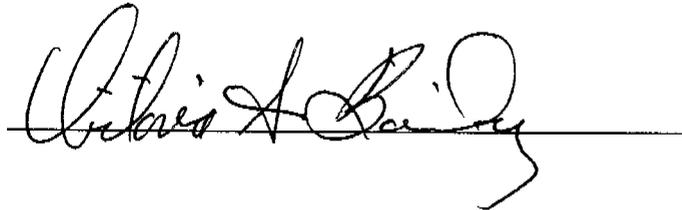
I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER for Cause No. ACT/007/041 to be mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, on the 15th day of September, 1998, to the following:

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 900
Jean Semborski, Environmental Coordinator
West Ridge Resources, Inc.
6750 Airport Road
P. O. Box 902
Price, Utah 84501

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 540 714 057
Dave Shaver
Andalex Resources, Inc.
6750 Airport Road
P. O. Box 902
Price, Utah 84501

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 540 714 058
G. Milton Thayn
7730 E Hwy 6
Price, Utah 84501

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 540 714 059
David and Robin Thayn
7732 E Hwy 6
Price, Utah 84501

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Baird", is written over a horizontal line.

First-Mail, Postage Prepaid to:

SCOTT KNIGHT
10 W BROADWAY STE 200
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84111

JAMES FULTON CHIEF
DENVER FIELD DIV
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING R & E
1999 BROADWAY STE 3320
DENVER CO 80202-5733

RANVIR SINGH
DENVER FIELD DIV
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING R & E
1999 BROADWAY STE 3320
DENVER CO 80202-5733

DICK MANUS AREA MNGR
SAN RAFAEL/PRICE RVR RSRCE AREA
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
125 S 6 W
PRICE UT 84501

ALAN RABINOFF GROUP LEADER
SOLID MNRLS
BUREAU OF LAND MNGMNT
P O BOX 45155
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84145-0155

MARK PAGE RGNL ENGR
UT DIV OF WATER RIGHTS
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFF
453 S CARBON AVE
P O BOX 718
PRICE UT 84501-0718

DAVE ARIOTTI DST ENGR
DEPT OF ENVR QLTY
SOUTHEASTERN UTAH HEALTH DEPT
28 S 100 E
P O BOX 800
PRICE UT 84501

BILL BATES HABITAT MNGR
DIV WILDLIFE RESOURCES
475 W PRICE RVR DR STE C
PRICE UT 84501

GARY L ROEDER DIST ENGR
NTRL RESRS CNSV
350 N 400 E
PRICE UT 84501

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DEPT OF COMM & ECON DEV

DAVID LEVANGER
CARBON CNTY PLANNING & ZONING
120 E MAIN
PRICE UT 84501

BUILDING MAIL

BILL HOWELL EX DIR
SOUTHEASTERN UTAH ASSOC OF LOCAL
GVRNMNTS
P O BOX 1106
PRICE UT 84501

ROBERT D WILLIAMS ASST FLD SUP
U S FISH & WILDLIFE SERV ECO SERV
LINCOLN PLAZA
145 E 1300 S STE 404
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84115

ROBERT MORGAN STATE ENGR
DIV OF WATER RIGHTS
DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BUILDING MAIL

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DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

MAX J EVANS DIR
UTAH DIV OF STATE HISTORY

DAVID T TERRY DIR
SCHOOL & INSTNL TRUST LNDS

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RONALD P PARKIN STATE MN INSPC
INDUSTRIAL COMM OF UT
COLLEGE OF EASTERN UT
451 E 400 N
PRICE UT 84501

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UTAH MINING ASSC
KEARNS BLDG
136 S MAIN STE 825
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84101

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STATE PLANNING COORD OFF

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MIKE SCHWINN DST ENGR
U S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1403 S 600 W
BOUNTIFUL UT 84010

WILLIAM P YELLOWTAIL JR RGNL ADM
ENVIR PROTECTION AGENCY
DENVER PL STE 500
999 18TH ST
DENVER CO 80202

KATHLEEN CLARKE EX DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BUILDING MAIL

DAVE LAURISKI CHRNM
BOARD OF OIL GAS AND MINING
C/O ENERGY WEST MINING CO
P O BOX 310
HUNTINGTON UT 84528

CHUCK SEMBORSKI, CHAIR
ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE
PACIFICORP
ENERGY WEST
P O BOX 310
HUNTINGTON UT 84528

PRO/007/041

WEST RIDGE MINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 20, 1998

SENDER: DOGM VB PRO/007/041 INFORMAL CONFERENCE

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 Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
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DAVID & ROBIN THAYN
7732 E HWY 6
PRICE UT 84501

4a. Article Number
P 074 976 899

4b. Service Type

Registered Certified
 Express Mail Insured
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7. Date of Delivery

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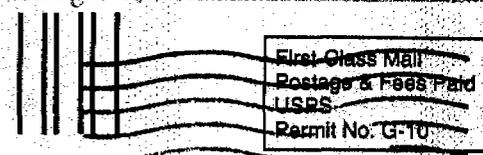
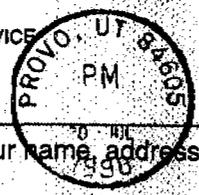
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Robin Thayne

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PS Form 3800, December 1984 102595-97-B-0179 Domestic Return Receipt

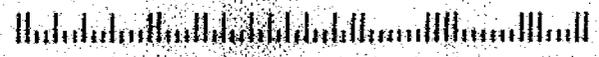
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 SALT LAKE CITY UT 84114-5801



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Original P 074 976 899
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Postage	\$
Certified Fee	
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Stamp: SPS - 84114

PS Form 3800, June 1985

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6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)
G. Milton Thayne

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

PS Form 3811, December 1994 110 102595-97-B-0179 Domestic Return Receipt

Thank you for using Return Receipt Service

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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PS Form 3800, June 1985

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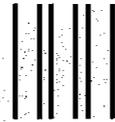
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X *[Signature]*

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