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RE: Tenure of Power line/Waterline Rights-of-Way, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, PRO/007/041 Permit Application Package, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

A preliminary review of the environmental assessment for the aforementioned project, as prepared by the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for the proposed West Ridge Mine reveals that the following acreages must receive rights-of-way (ROW) from the different ownership entities. The tenure of these documents must be indicated as part of the agreement such that R645 reclamation requirements for same can be overshadowed by an approvable post mining land use for the power and water lines.

Regarding the construction of the powerline, the following acreages will be impacted:

- 1) 70 acres of surface are managed by the USBLM
- 2) 5.48 acres of surface are managed under Utah SITLA
- 3) 10.04 acres are owned by private individuals.

Also, as indicated in Table 2, Demolition Cost Estimate of the submitted West Ridge PAP, the permittee is committed to reclaiming the substation and 700 feet of 69 kv line within the DAB. Although the line is on the Mine's property, it will be installed and maintained by the local utility company, (see page 5-27, paragraph j, Electrical power). Based on this, it is assumed that UP & L will maintain ownership of the line as well. If the permittee is to reclaim this line, an agreement must be in place between UP&L and West Ridge Resources, Inc. to allow them to do so. The agreement should be included in the MRP.

Regarding the retention of the six inch water line from East Carbon City to the Mine, again, the following acreages are impacted and as such, must have approvable or agreed to post mining land use agreements in place from the respective surface management agencies.

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The following acreages will be impacted by the water line:

- 1) 7.34 acres of surface are managed by the USBLM
- 2) 1.98 acres of surface are managed by Utah SITLA
- 3) 0.96 acres are the responsibility of the Utah DOT
- 4) 4.73 acres are privately owned.

The above acreages are those which will be impacted by the construction of the water line. Two pump stations will also be installed on BLM ground. Again, tenure of the easement agreements from the different surface management agencies must be discussed so that the Division, as the mine permit issuing agency, is not left holding the bag regarding the reclamation requirements of the water line.

It is known that East Carbon City would like to retain the water line for future use, well beyond the anticipated life of the West Ridge Mine. It is still imperative to have the necessary easement agreements in place for perpetuity, (if that is what is agreed to by the SMA's), to keep the Division clear of OSM criticism. These agreements should be included in the West Ridge Resources, Inc. permit by, at the very least, a stipulation for permit approval.

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