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Subject: Lease Modification, West Ridge Resources, West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #4236

Dear Mr. Hibbs:

The Division has reviewed your application for a lease modification at the West Ridge Mine. The Division has identified deficiencies that must be addressed before final approval can be granted. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

The initials of the deficiencies authors are provided so that your staff can communicate directly with that individual should questions arise. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325 or Ingrid Campbell at 801-538-5318.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Regulatory Program Manager

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cc: Price Field Office
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Deficiency List

Task No. 4236

Lease Modification

Members of the review team with outstanding deficiencies:

Ingrid Campbell (IC): 801-538-5318

Steve Christensen (SC): 801-538-5350

R645-301-114: The following areas for federal lease SL-068754, taken from the permit area description tables, is not shown on any of the updated maps:

Section 14: N2NWSW

Section 15: W2NE, E2SENE

Section 23: Lot 1, SWNE

Section 24: NWSW **(IC) (SC)**

R645-301-114: Please correct the following inconsistencies:

- The acreage for federal lease UTU 78562 listed on page 1-6 is 2605.49 acres. However, on page 1-7, under the permit area description, the acreage is listed as 2,403.7. Additionally, on page 1-9, the acreage for this lease is listed as 2,249.25. These three inconsistencies need to be corrected.
- Page 1-6 states that a total of 2162.34 acres of state coal is held by West Ridge Resources. However, this acreage is indicated as 2171.94 on table 1-2 on page 1-10. **(IC)**

R645-301-114: Please provide evidence of updated Federal Lease documents for incorporation into Appendix 1-4. The acreages listed in the lease documents for leases SL-068754 and UTU-78562 do not match the figures listed in the text and tables of chapter 1 of the mining and reclamation plan. Please update these figures to make them consistent with the lease documents. **(IC)**

R645-301-358.200: Please provide the survey data showing that the activity of nests that will be undermined in 2013. If an active nest is located above the subsidence area, the permittee must work with the Division, DWR and the USFWS to determine how the nest will be protected or avoided during mining. **(IC)**

R645-301-521: Please update map 5-4B to include the new lease area. **(IC)**