BIG SKY COAL COMPANY

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August 24, 2016

Mr. Chris Yde
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau
1218 East 6th Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

RE: Big Sky Mine Area A (SMP No. C1983004CR)
Bond Release Application #SL10

Dear Chris:

Big Sky Coal Company hereby submits an application for partial bond release in Area A to the Department for review. This request is for a combination of Phase I, II, III, and IV release as described in ARM 17.24.1116.

All reclamation was completed on these areas in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and applicable responsibility periods are satisfied.

The application consists of the following documents attached hereto:

- **Bond Release Form** – A scanned copy of a completed, signed, and notarized application form.
- **Bond Release Narrative** – Description of bond release area, phases of release sought, and demonstration of completed reclamation. This narrative references the following:
  - Exhibit 1 – Map showing Bond Release Application SL10
  - Exhibit 2 – Map showing Proposed Phase IV Bond Release and Status
  - Exhibit 3 – Map showing Proposed Post-SL10 Bond Status
  - Exhibit 4 – Hydrologic Demonstration Report
- **Notification Letter Template** – This letter will be mailed to all parties on the mailing list after the Department determines the application is complete.
- **Notification Letter Mailing List**
- **Draft Public Notice** – This will be published as described in the bond release narrative, after the Department determines the application is complete.

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If approved as submitted, the application would reduce the Area A permit area by 904 acres. Ownership of the permit reduction is summarized in the following table:

	Reductions to Permit (acres)	
Owner	**Mineral**	**Surface**
Federal	-561	-132
Tribal		
State		
Private	-343	-772
County		
Total	**-904**	**-904**

Please contact me at 314-588-2784 or our consultant Judd Stark (Catena Consulting) at 406-545-3075. If you have any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,

Bryce West

Bryce West
Vice President, Environmental

Attachments

CC: Reg Hoff
Judd Stark
John Cochran

Gilbert, Sharona

From: Judd Stark <jstark@catenaconsulting.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 2:24 PM
To: Sjolund, Melissa; DEQCoal; Yde, Chris; Smith, Robert
Subject: RE: BSCC SL10 Bond Release Application (1 of 2)
Attachments: File Transfer Service Notification.pdf

I submitted the application as a single pdf package via epass without problems.

Best regards,

Judd Stark
406.545.3075/406.671.3961
Catena Consulting, LLC

From: Sjolund, Melissa [mailto:MSjolund@mt.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 1:55 PM
To: jstark@catenaconsulting.com; DEQCoal <DEQCoal@mt.gov>; Yde, Chris <CYde@mt.gov>; Smith, Robert <RSmith2@mt.gov>
Subject: RE: BSCC SL10 Bond Release Application (1 of 2)

HI Judd,

Here is a link to the state file transfer system:
https://app.mt.gov/epass/portal/

The "Login with ePass Montana" option should allow you to create an account. Then it is as simple as uploading the files and sending to the coal program email DEQCoal@mt.gov.

Let me know if you have any problems. The entire Coal Section staff is out today at an all-bureau meeting, but I'm checking email periodically.

Melissa Sjolund
Technical Coordinator/MPDES Permit Coordinator
MT DEQ Coal and Uranium Program
(406) 444-2885 (office)
(406) 444-4988 (fax)

From: Judd Stark [mailto:jstark@catenaconsulting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 1:38 PM
To: DEQCoal; Yde, Chris; Sjolund, Melissa; Smith, Robert
Subject: RE: BSCC SL10 Bond Release Application (1 of 2)

It seems that even the smallest of the two parts it too large to get through. Please provide me with instructions for alternative submittal through ftp/e-portal.

Thanks,

Judd Stark
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From: Judd Stark [mailto:jstark@catenaconsulting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 1:35 PM
To: 'DEQCoal' <DEQCoal@mt.gov>; 'Yde, Chris' <CYde@mt.gov>
Cc: Melissa Sjolund (msjolund@mt.gov) <msjolund@mt.gov>; Smith, Robert <RSmith2@mt.gov>; erhoff@rangeweb.net; 'John Carstensen' <jcarstensen@earthandwater.com>; West, Bryce <BWest@peabodyenergy.com>
Subject: BSCC SL10 Bond Release Application (1 of 2)

Chris,

Please application SL10 for bond release at Big Sky Mine Area A attached to this email. This email is part 1 of 2 and includes the bulk of the submittal. Part 2 is submitted separately due to the file size (15MB) and consists of only the Area A Hydrologic Demonstration Report previously submitted to support Area A bond release application SL8.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Judd Stark
Project Manager

O: 406.545.3075
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Gilbert, Sharona

From: File Transfer Service <TransferService@MT.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 2:24 PM
To: DEQCoal
Subject: State of Montana File Transfer Service

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