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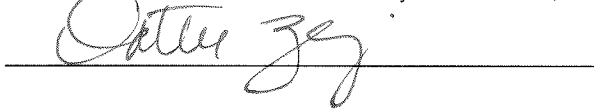
County of La Plata

I, Odette Zenizo, do solemnly swear that I am the Classified Advertising Representative of the Durango Herald, and that I have personal knowledge of the essential facts stated herein; that the same is a daily newspaper printed in whole, and published in the County of La Plata, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of La Plata for a period of more than twelve months next prior to the first publication of the annexed Legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under a provision of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a daily newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Colorado.

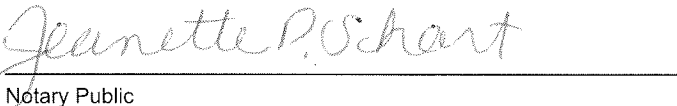
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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this date, 3/25/2022.



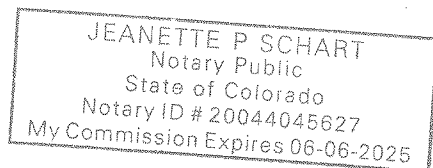
Subscribed and sworn before me, a notary public in and for the County of La Plata, State of Colorado this date, 3/25/2022.



Notary Public

My Commission expires

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GCC Energy, LLC, 6473 County Road 120, Hesperus, Colorado, 81326, (970) 385-4528, has submitted a complete application to renew a valid existing permit to conduct mining in Colorado (Permit Renewal RN-08) for the King Coal Mine (Permit C-1981-035) with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety. The entire permit area is described as follows:

Township 34 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.

Sec. 5: SW/4, E/2SE/4, Portions of W/2SE/4, Portions of S/2NE/4, Portions of NW/4
Sec. 6: N/2, N/2SW/4, E/2SE/4, Portions of W/2SE/4
Sec. 7: Portions of NE/4
Sec. 8: N/2NW/4, Portions of S/2NW/4, Portions of N/2NE/4

Township 35 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.

Sec. 18: Lot 2, SE/4 NW/4
Sec. 28: SW/4SW/4
Sec. 29: S/2SE/4, Portions of SW/4SW/4SW/4

Sec. 30: Portions of SE/4SE/4SE/4

Sec. 31: SE/4, S/2NE/4, S/2SW/4, Portions of the NE/4NE/4NE/4

Sec. 32: NE/4, NW/4, SW/4, Portions of NW/4SE/4, western portions of SW/4SE/4, portions of NW/4NE/4SE/4

Township 35 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M.

Sec. 13: S/2 NE/4, SE/4 NW/4, NE/4SE/4

Sec. 22: E/2 NE/4 NW/4, NE/4 SE/4 NW/4

Sec. 23: SE/4 NE/4

Sec. 26: N/2 SW/4 NW/4, SE/4 SW/4 NW/4

Sec. 27: NE/4 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4 NE/4

Sec. 35: N/2SE/4

Sec. 36: All

Containing 3,102.9 acres, more or less.

All active mining activities of the mine lie to the north and south sides of Hay Gulch, approximately 4.5-6.5 miles southwest of Hesperus, CO, as identified on U.S.G.S. 7.5-

SE/4 SW/4 NW/4
Sec. 27: NE/4 NE/4, SE/4 NE/
NE/4
Sec. 35: N/2SE/4
Sec. 36: All

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All active mining activities of the mine lie to the north and south sides of Hay Gulch, approximately 4.5-6.5 miles southwest of Hesperus, CO, as identified on U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute quadrangles of Hesperus, Kline, Thompson Park & Mormon Reservoir. The surface of the affected area is owned by the State of Colorado, Huntington Ranches, Crawford Ranch, BLM, State of Colorado, GCC Energy, Patricia Ann Compton Rev. Trust, Thomas Lee Compton Rev. Trust, Jack Wiltse, Blast & Cast, Inc., Shirard Colorado, LTD Partnership, Devil's Canyon Trust, C & C Livestock Corp. and Robert & Manik Hovsepien. The proposed land use at the completion of mining is rangeland.

A copy of the application is available for public review at the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 679 Turner Drive, Durango, CO, 81303, and at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, phone (303) 866-3567. Anyone with a valid interest may submit written comments or objections within 30 days of the publication of this notice. All comments, objections, and requests must be submitted in writing to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety at the above address.

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