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CO-0106C

Ms. Sarah Vance
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Re: Acceptance of permit application package in an electronic format
OSMRE Project Tracking Code: N/A
King II Mine Federal Permit CO-0106C

Dear Ms. Vance:

GCC Energy, LLC (GCC)'s King II Mine Permit Application Package (PAP) is regulated in a paper format by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). Given the needs of government agencies, citizens and interested parties that are not located in Denver, CO where the paper permit currently resides; an electronic copy has been created to give the permit easier accessibility. The new electronic permit (e-PAP) will retain the paper PAP formatting in consideration of the text, tables, figures, and appendices.

By this letter, OSMRE has accepted GCC's currently approved CO-0106C paper PAP conversion into an e-PAP. I request that GCC, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office (BLM) and Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) accept the entire electronic permit application package contained on a single flash-drive as the King II Mine e-PAP.

An OSMRE external SharePoint site has previously been established to allow the permittee to submit its proposed permit revisions for OSMRE to review electronically. OSMRE will continue to distribute this material to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and cooperating State and Federal Agencies for their review and comment electronically. A copy of the official and most currently approved e-PAP will also be available for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Cooperating Agencies to view and download. A copy of the currently approved e-PAP will also be uploaded in the future on OSMRE's Western Region website at least quarterly for the general public and other interested parties. Copies of the currently approved e-PAP can also be provided upon request on flash drives.

Should you have questions or need clarification regarding the contents of this letter, please contact OSMRE's King II Mine Team Leader by e-mail at jspangler@osmre.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mychal Yellowman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mychal Yellowman, Manager
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cc: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Scott Clow
Ute Mountain Ute BIA, Angela Arviso
Ute Mountain Ute BIA, Stephanie Tsosie
BLM Tres Rios Field Office, Connie Clementson
CO-DRMS, Janet Binns