

Applicant: Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC
Mine Name: John Poe Mine
Permit Number: P-3981

STATE OF ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

- (X) Permit Application for a Surface Coal Mine
() Permit Application for an Underground Coal Mine
() Permit Application for a Preparation Facility

PART I A. IDENTIFICATION

1. PERMIT APPLICANT

Name: Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC
Street Address: 722 Overbridge Lane
City: Chattanooga State: TN Zip: 37405
Mailing Address: 722 Overbridge Lane
City: Chattanooga State: TN Zip: 37405
Telephone Number: (502) 819-7632
Social Security Number (Voluntary): _____
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License#: L-837

2. ENTITY OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION FEES

Name: Applicant
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone Number: (_____) _____
Social Security Number (Voluntary): _____
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License#: _____

3. IDENTIFY THE OPERATOR FOR THIS MINE IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PERMITTEE

Name: Applicant
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone Number: (_____) _____
Social Security Number (Voluntary): _____
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License#: _____

4. CONTACT PERSON FOR PERMIT REVIEW ISSUES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Pete Parrish c/o PERC Engineering Co., Inc.
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 1712
City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35502-1712
Telephone Number: (205) 295-3100

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PART I B. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

1. PERMIT APPLICANT OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

At the time of filing of this application provide an update of all information contained in the applicant's license file or certify that the information contained in the license is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part IA through Part IF of the License application form. Check one of the following

- A license update is included
- Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application. No update is included.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

2. OPERATOR OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

If someone other than the permittee has been identified as the operator under this permit, an update of the ownership and control information contained in the operator's license file must be provided or certify that the information contained in the license file is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part I A through Part I F of the License application form. Check one of the following: **NOT APPLICABLE**

- A license update is included
- Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application. No update is included.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

3. CONTROL OF MINING OPERATION THROUGH CONTROL OF COAL TO BE MINED.

Provide the information below for any person or entity who owns or controls the coal to be mined under this permit and who, by lease, sublease, or other contract:

- A. has the right to receive the coal after mining, or,
B. has the authority to determine the manner in which the operator or permittee conducts surface coal mining operations.

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW IF NECESSARY)

Name: Applicant
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ - _____
Social Security Number (Voluntary): _____ - _____ - _____
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License Number: _____

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PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS

1. OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY TO BE MINED AND RIGHT OF ENTRY.

INSTRUCTIONS: Show the property ownership boundaries of each parcel of land in the permit area on the permit map or an overlay of the same scale as the permit map. If the surface estate is severed from the mineral estate, show and describe the ownership of each estate separately. In the spaces below, identify:

1. Every current legal or equitable owner(s) of record (as found in a standard search of title) of the property;
2. The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the property; and,
3. Any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the property.

Describe the basis of the applicant's legal right to enter and mine on all properties contained in the permit application. If the mineral estate has been severed from the surface estate, describe the basis of the legal right to enter and mine both the surface and mineral separately. Give the nature of such right (i.e. lease, deed, contract, etc.), where recorded, describe from whom, to whom, and the date executed, and whether that right is the subject of pending litigation.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Jason Biddle (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Jason Biddle
 Address: 670 County Road 675 City: Valley Head State: AL Zip: 35989
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining. Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Jason Biddle	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	2/28/2013	No

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PART I C 1. (CONTINUED)

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Paul & Norma Biddle (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Paul and Norma Biddle
 Address: 670 County Road 675 City: Valley Head State: AL Zip: 35989
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Paul & Norma Biddle	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	2/28/2013	No

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Mark Mitchell & Felicia Mitchell Hicks (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Mark Mitchell & Felicia Mitchell Hicks
 Address: P. O. Box 369 City: Henagar State: AL Zip: 35978
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
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 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Mark Mitchell & Felicia Mitchell Hicks	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	11/14/2014	No

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PART I C 1. (CONTINUED)

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Biddle Heirs(F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Jamie Biddle, et. al. c/o Jeff Biddle
 Address: 528 County Road 528 City: Fort Payne State: AL Zip: 35968
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining.
 Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the
 right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with
 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Biddle Heirs	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	2/11/2016	No

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Donald Hulgan (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Donald Hulgan
 Address: 9031 Upchurch Lane City: Chattanooga State: TN Zip: 37416
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining.
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 right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with
 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Donald Hulgan	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	3/18/2013	No

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PART I C 1. (CONTINUED)

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Hazel L. & Larry J. Haynes (F)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral

Legal owner(s) of record: Hazel L. & Larry J. Haynes

Address: 1899 County Road 119 City: Fort Payne State: AL Zip: 35968

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining. Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Hazel L. & Larry J. Haynes	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	3/8/2013	No

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Houston R. Biddle, Jr. (F)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral

Legal owner(s) of record: Houston R. Biddle, Jr.

Address: 212 Dilbeck Road City: Rainsville State: AL Zip: 35986

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:
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Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Houston R. Biddle, Jr.	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	Pending	No

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: Jack R. Biddle (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: Jack R. Biddle
 Address: 237 Tucker Road City: Rainsville State: AL Zip: 35986
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining.
 Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the
 right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with
 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Jack R. Biddle	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	Pending	No

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: James H. McCurdy (F)
 Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface & Mineral
 Legal owner(s) of record: James H. McCurdy
 Address: 1111 County Road 114 City: Valley Head State: AL Zip: 35989
 Holders of leasehold interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Description of right to enter or mine:
 Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining.
 Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the
 right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with
 the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain.
Lease	Jack H. McCurdy	Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC	Pending	No

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PART I C. (CONTINUED)

2. **OWNERSHIP OF SURFACE AND MINERAL LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE AREA TO BE MINED INSTRUCTIONS:**

Provide the information below for the owners of record of all surface and mineral properties contiguous to any part of the proposed permit area.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY IN THE FORMAT BELOW

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Name: Hazel L. & Larry J. Haynes
Address: 1899 County Road 119
City: Fort Payne State: AL Zip: 35968
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: Jason Biddle
Address: 670 County Road 675
City: Valley Head State: AL Zip: 35989
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: James H. McCurdy
Address: 1111 County Road 114
City: Valley Head State: AL Zip: 35989
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: Mark Mitchell and Felicia Mitchell Hicks
Address: P. O. Box 369
City: Henagar State: AL Zip: 35978
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: Jack R. Biddle
Address: 237 Tucker Road
City: Rainsville State: AL Zip: 35986
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: Houston R. Biddle, Jr.
Address: 212 Dilbeck Road
City: Rainsville State: AL Zip: 35986
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

Name: Donald Hulgan
Address: 9031 Upchurch Lane
City: Chattanooga State: TN Zip: 37416
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface & Mineral
Type of Interest(Owner, Lease , or Other): Owner

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PART I C. (CONTINUED)

**3. INTERESTS OR PENDING INTERESTS IN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE PERMIT AREA
INSTRUCTIONS:**

Give the legal description of all lands contiguous to the permit area for which the permit applicant:

1. Holds an interest,
2. Holds an option, or
3. Has made a bid for ownership, lease or other interest.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY IN THE FORMAT BELOW

PAGE __ OF ____ Not Applicable

Legal description: _____

Describe the nature of the interest: _____

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Legal description: _____

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Legal description: _____

Describe the nature of the interest: _____

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Legal description: _____

Describe the nature of the interest: _____

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PART I D. PERMIT AREA INFORMATION

1. Give the requested term of this permit: 5 years.
2. Give the legal description of the land upon which the applicant proposes to conduct surface coal mining operations. List each quarter-quarter section, section, township, range, and county.
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 20; NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 29; all in Township 5 South, Range 9 East, Dekalb County, Alabama.

3. Give the acreage of the permit, each increment and the type of bonding.

a. Total permit acreage: 143 acres

b. Give the acreage and type of bond for each mining increment:

<u>Increment</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type Bond Proposed</u>
1.	<u>70</u>	<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>
2.	<u>63</u>	<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>
3.	<u>4</u>	<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>
4.	<u>6</u>	<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>
5.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
6.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

c. Identify the increment(s) on which mining will initially begin upon issuance of this permit: Increment 1 and 4.

4. Has any acreage in the proposed permit area been previously disturbed by mining? ()YES (XX)No

If yes, supply the following for any and all previously disturbed areas:

- a. Show the boundaries of the previously disturbed area(s) on the permit map and identify with an appropriate symbol.
- b. List, for each area, the permit number under which it was disturbed and the number of acres. Indicate the status of each permit as Unreleased, Grading released, or 100% released.(If no permit, indicate as such.)

<u>Permit</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

c. For each area which has not been reclaimed or received a 100% release, indicate whether you intend to assume responsibility for reclamation of the area under this permit and its performance bond(s).

Not Applicable.

5. Is disturbance to be conducted within 300 feet, measured horizontally from an occupied dwelling? ()YES (XX)NO.

If YES, attach a signed waiver from the owner of the dwelling indicating the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed by the owner.

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PART I D. (CONTINUED)

6. Is disturbance proposed within 100 feet of a public road right-of-way or will a public road be closed or relocated? ()YES (XX)NO.

If YES, enclose a copy of the approval granted by the government entity which has jurisdiction over the road. The approval must state the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed to the road or road right-of-way.

7. List all other licenses and permits required to conduct mining operations including, but not limited to, MSHA I.D. and NPDES. Give the identification or permit number, the name and address of the issuing authority, and the status or date of approval or issuance of each:

Permit	ID or Permit Number	Issuing Authority	Address	Status or of issuance
<u>MSHA ID</u>	<u>01-03489</u>	<u>MSHA</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>Issued 7/17/2015</u>
<u>NPDES</u>	<u>AL0082252</u>	<u>ADEM</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>Issued 2/6/2015</u>

* 1030 London Drive, Suite 400, Birmingham, AL 35211-4542

** 1400 Coliseum Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36130

8. Is the property in the permit covered by zoning or other land use restrictions?

()YES (X)NO.

If yes, indicate the jurisdictional authority and zoning or landuse area. If more than one zoning classification exists for the permit area, identify the boundaries of each the permit map.

Jurisdictional Authority	Zoning Classification	Allows mining? Yes or No
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Describe access to the proposed mine from a known point on the nearest public highway: From the intersection of State Highway 7 and County Road 85 go northerly on County Road 85 for approximately 4.7 miles to its intersection with County Road 114, turn right on County Road 114 and go easterly approximately 0.8 miles to its intersection with County Road 880, turn left and go northerly approximately 0.7 miles to the proposed access road to Increment 1.

10. Did the applicant receive assistance from the Small Operator Assistance Program in preparing this application?

()YES (XXX)NO

If YES, list SOAP I.D. Number: _____

11. Submit a certificate of proof of Liability Insurance with this application. See ASMC Master File

PART I E. PUBLIC NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION

12. Give the name of the approved public office in which a copy of this application will be filed for public inspection following notification of completeness: Alabama Surface Mining Commission website: <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>

13. Enclose a copy of the notice of filing of this application which will appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the mine and identify the name of the newspaper: The Mountain Valley News, See Attachment I.E.13.

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Attachment I.E.13.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF PERMIT APPLICATION

In accordance with the provisions of Act No. 81-435 of the State of Alabama and the regulations promulgated under this act, Ridgeholm Energy Partners, LLC, 722 Overbridge Lane, Chattanooga, TN 37405, hereby gives notice that it has filed an application with the Alabama Surface Mining Commission to permit a surface mining site. Access to the site is as follows: From the intersection of State Highway 7 and County Road 85 north of Fort Payne, Alabama, go northerly on County Road 85 for approximately 4.7 miles to its intersection with County Road 114, turn right onto County Road 114 and go easterly approximately 0.8 miles to its intersection with County Road 880, turn left onto County Road 880 and go northerly approximately 0.7 miles to the proposed access road to Increment 1 on the left. The area to be permitted is located in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 20; NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 29; all in Township 5 South, Range 9 East, DeKalb County, Alabama, as shown by the Dugout Valley, Alabama United States Geological Survey quadrangle map. A copy of the permit application is available for public inspection on the Alabama Surface Mining Commission website: <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>. Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences should be submitted to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390, within 30 days from the last publication of this notice.

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Phone: 256.638-6397 • Fax: 256.638.6061 • Email: mtnvalley@farmerstel.com

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF DEKALB

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for DeKalb County, State of Alabama, this day personally appeared Teresa Ledbetter, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that during the times herein mentioned she was Owner of *Mountain Valley*, a newspaper of general circulation in both DeKalb County, Alabama, and Jackson County, Alabama, that the attached legal advertisement was published in said newspaper on the publication dates specified.

Regarding: Public Notice of Filing
of Permit Application

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SIGNED Teresa Ledbetter
Teresa Ledbetter, Owner
Mountain Valley News

NOTARIZATION

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for DeKalb County, State of Alabama on this the 2nd Day of April, 2015.

Patsy Werby
NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)



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P.O. Box 2390,
Jasper, Alabama
35502-2390.

Within 30 days from the last publication of this notice.

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& April 2, 2015

