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**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY PIKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 2 CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00738 U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2001-AQ1, AS SET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES PLAINTIFF VS. CONNIE**

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RUTH ELLIS, PIKE COUNTY, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, REPUBLIC FINANCE LLC, TROY CAPITAL, LLC AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONNIE RUTH ELLIS DEFENDANTS By virtue of Judgment and Order for Sale, of the Pike Circuit Court, entered November 24, 2025, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the door of the Pike County Courthouse, at Pikeville, Pike County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or thereabout, on the following terms: at the time of sale, the successful bidder(s) shall pay cash or make a deposit of 10%, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if the first lienholder is the successful bidder; any other purchaser who does not pay cash in full, shall be required to execute a bond, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, in accordance with KRS 426.705 the bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid; the successful bidder(s) shall have the privilege of paying all of the balance of the purchase price prior the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, the following described real estate, which is being sold for enforcement of liens in the amount of judgment, for the unpaid principal amount of \$19,455.49 from February 1, 2023; with interest thereon from January 1, 2023 in the amount of \$,2385.74, in the grand total amount of no less than \$55,428.21 as of August 29, 2025, owed to Plaintiff, in rem, said real estate being located in Pike County, Kentucky, and in accordance with Master Commissioner Administrative Procedures Part IV, is described as follows: PARCEL ID #: 064-00-00-053.01 and 064-00-00-053.01M; 973 Lt Frk of Joe Creek Rd, Pikeville, KY 41501. Together with a 1974 GILES, 24 X 50. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CONNIE RUTH ELLIS, BY DEED FROM EDWARD ELLIS AND EASTER ELLIS, HIS

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WIFE, DATED MAY 31, 1986, AND RECORDED FEBRUARY 25, 1987 IN DEED BOOK 602, PAGE 69 OF THE PIKE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY. The purchaser at the commissioner's sale shall take real estate free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action but it shall be sold subject to: ad valorem property taxes for the year of the sale Easements, restrictions, stipulations, any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any right of redemption; current year property taxes; and any assessments for public improvements levied against the property. Bidders will have to comply with these terms. Any announcements made by the Master Commissioner on date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained herein. This the 20th day of January 2026. **Stephen L. Hogg Master Commissioner P.O. Box 734 Pikeville, KY 41501 pikemaster commissioner@gmail.com**

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY PIKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION -I ACTION NO.: 25-CI-00775** The Appalachian Renewal Project, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. Matergy, Inc. Alpha Land Reserves, LLC, Apex Capital, LLC and Pike County, Kentucky DEFENDANTS By virtue of Judgment and Order for Sale, of the Pike Circuit Court, entered November 25, 2025, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the door of the Pike County Courthouse, at Pikeville, Pike County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or thereabout, on the following terms: at the time of sale, the successful bidder(s) shall pay cash or make a deposit of 10%, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if the first lien holder is the successful bidder; any other purchaser who does not pay cash in full, shall be required to execute a bond, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, in accordance with KRS 426.705 the

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bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid; the successful bidder(s) shall have the privilege of paying all of the balance of the purchase price prior the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, the following described real estate along which is being sold for enforcement of liens in the amount of \$1,954,445.41 plus interest of \$306.69as of August 31, 2025 plus interest, fees and cost, owed to Plaintiff, by Defendant, Matergy, Inc., said real estate being located in Pike County, Kentucky, and in accordance with Master Commissioner Administrative Procedures Part IV, is described as follows: Property Address; A tract or parcel lying on Bent Branch of Big Creek Map ID#; 121-00-00-024.01 Being the same property conveyed to Matergy, Inc. By Deed dated September 8, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 1060, Page 183 in the Pike County Clerks Office. The purchaser at the commissioner's sale shall take real estate free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action but it shall be sold subject to: Easements, restrictions, stipulations, any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any right of redemption; and any assessments for public improvements levied against the property. Bidders will have to comply with these terms. Any announcements made by the Master Commissioner on date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained herein. This the 20th day of January 2026. **Stephen L. Hogg Master Commissioner P.O. Box 734 Pikeville, KY 41501 pikemaster commissioner@gmail.com**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-4575 Amendment No. 4** In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Coal LLC dba McCoy Elkhorn Coal Company P.O. Box 4312, Pikeville, KY 41502 has ap-

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plied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 5.4 miles northeast of Kimper in Pike County. The amendment will add 7.5 acres of surface making a total of 51.1 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.0 miles east from KY 194s junction with Meathouse Fork County Road and located adjacent to Meathouse Fork of Johns Creek. The proposed amendment area is located on the Belfry U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will add a haul road. The surface area to be affected by this operation is owned by Will M. Smith Heirs. The Will M. Smith Heirs are Harold F. Bogar and Ina Jean Bogar, Helen Rose Bogar Moore, Richard D. Bogar and Tammy Bogar, Ralph Bogar and Yvonne Bogar, Rita Sue Bogar Scott and Bob Scott, Sandra Blackburn, Janet Marie Paul, Thomas Jefferson Smith and Betty Smith, Jean Ann Smith Todd and Troy Todd, Catherine Ritz-Newman, Patricia R. McNamee, James M. Ritz and Connie Ritz, Floydetta Runyon and David Runyon, Nancy Smith, Kathy Cochran, Thomas Joseph Smith, John Henry Smith and Mary Smith, Deborah Sparks and Billy Sparks, Carol Smith Ferrell, Bennett West, Kenneth West, Laura Shanklin and Rusty Shanklin, D. Smith, Guilene Smith, William T. Smith II and Kimberly Smith, Clarissa B. Scalf and David Scalf, Benjamin Russell and Billy Howard Smith. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. 2nd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. **This is the final advertisement of this application;** all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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