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Director  
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Utah  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Re: United States Fuel Company,  
Hiawatha Complex, ACT/007/001,  
Carbon County, Utah

Reference is made to the Division's letter of August 5, 1986 addressed to Mr. Robert Eccli, United States Fuel Company, at Hiawatha, Utah, describing the total reclamation bond required to be posted for United States Fuel Company's operation at Hiawatha, Utah within 45 days of the date of the letter. As a follow-up to my telephone conversation today with Lowell Braxton, be advised that this firm represents United States Fuel Company.

On behalf of United States Fuel Company, a 45 day extension within which to review the bond requirement, consider the alternatives and otherwise attempt to comply is hereby requested for the following reasons:

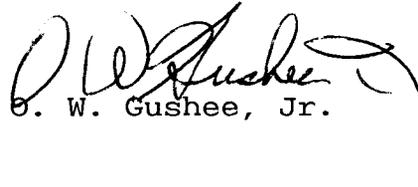
1. The total amount of \$3,779,000.00 reclamation bond required to be posted is a significant sum and the alternatives of means of complying with the Division's determination will require lengthy and detailed evaluation and analysis; and
2. The executive official of United States Fuel Company, Mr. Alan Bell, Executive Vice President, has been out of the country for the last three weeks and has been unable to address the bond problem. Thus, he has not had sufficient opportunity to review the matter and his participation is essential.

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As discussed with Lowell Braxton, U.S. Fuel will be requesting a meeting with you and your staff within the next two or three weeks after U.S. Fuel's review is complete to discuss the matter further.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,



G. W. Gushee, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Alan Bell

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