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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Moab District

Price River Resource Area

P. O. Drawer AB

Price, Utah 84501

August 1, 1979

Mr. Don Stevens
American Electric Power Service Corp.
68 South Main
Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Stevens:

There has been some objection voiced by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the seeding mixture we sent you last year.

According to regulation 816.111, published in the Federal Register on March 13, 1979, the area should be seeded with a permanent vegetative cover of the same seasonal variety native to the area of the disturbed land. Regulation 816.112 gives the conditions under which introduced species may be substituted.

We have always stressed using native species when possible. Our main objective in all cases is to get a quick cover on the disturbed area to mitigate erosional losses.

When putting together a seeding mixture, we try to find species which are not too palatable to livestock. In several cases, we have had livestock graze the new seedings before they've had a chance to become established. If we can use species which are not too palatable, we can avoid the expense of fencing the disturbed sites. Often times these are introduced species.

Another problem we have come up against is finding a seed source for the native species.

We sent over 30 inquiries out to the seed companies asking for a list of native species they sell. We've found that a large number of our native species are just not available.

We have reworked the seed mixture that we sent you last year, added some native species and kept some introduced species. The species marked with



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an asterisk are considered introduced species. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Pitman

Acting Area Manager

Enclosure:
Seeding Mixture

cc:
Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining
Post Office Building, Room 270
1823 Stout Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

SEEDING MIXTURE FOR
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CORP.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Rate of Pure Live Seed (pounds per acre)</u>
*Intermediate wheatgrass	Agropyron intermedium	4
*Russian wildrye	Elymous junceous	4
Great Basin wildrye	Elymous cinereus	4
Woods rose	Rosa woodsii ultramontana	$\frac{1}{2}$
Bitterbrush	Purshia tridenta	$\frac{1}{2}$
Curleaf Mt. Mahogany	Cecocarpus ledifolus ledifolus	$\frac{1}{2}$
Birchleaf Mt. Mahogany	Cecocarpus montanus montanus	$\frac{1}{2}$