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October 23, 1986

Lowell P. Braxton
Mined Land Reclamation Administrator
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Re: Minor Modification for Permanent Open Coal Storage

Dear ~~Mr.~~ ^{Lowell} Braxton:

Enclosed are 14 copies of information for a minor modification to our approved M&RP for our permanent open coal storage.

In the approved plan it shows in Drawing 3-6A and describes on page 38, sec. 3.2 a drainage ditch along the north and south sides of the North Coal Storage area. In the text it also states, "It is not planned for the pile to encroach onto the adjacent cut slopes." Our plan is to store up to approximately 75,000 tons of coal in the North Coal Storage area.

We have been storing coal in the North Storage area on an "as needed" basis since it has been approved. Our experience is showing that we cannot logically put 75,000 tons of coal in this area without a great deal of work and expense. The problem deals with maintaining a drainage ditch on the north and south sides of the pile. In order to maintain the ditches, the top of the pile narrows rapidly so that it becomes difficult to drive trucks on top of the pile and still have room to turn them around.

We are requesting to modify our approved M&RP and eliminate the ditches on the north and south sides of the North Coal Storage area. An eighteen inch culvert would be placed along the back of the slope on the south side of the pile. This pipe will carry any runoff that is generated on the west end of the pile.

Numerous attempts have been made to revegetate the cut slopes on the north and south sides of the North Storage area. We have had some success on the upper reaches of the slopes; however, the bottom 1/2 to 2/3 of the slope have basically remained unvegetated. We feel the wise and prudent thing to do is to wait until final reclamation when these slopes will be softened and revegetation can be successful. We realize that we will have

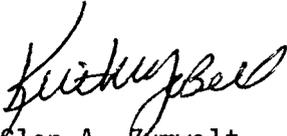
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to keep the addition bonding until final reclamation. We will not put coal on slopes where there is established vegetation. We have enclosed pictures showing these slopes.

We are not proposing any additional coal storage at this time.

We will appreciate your prompt review and approval of this modification so that we can accomplish the work yet this fall and better utilize the North storage this winter.

Sincerely,



For Glen A. Zumwalt
Vice President/General Manager

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Enclosure