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RE: Five-Year Permit Renewal, Coastal States Energy Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed the new permanent program mining permit for the Skyline Mine which includes the Technical Analysis (TA). The Manti-La Sal National Forest consents to the Five-Year Renewal. We, however, have some comments on the TA as follows:

1. There is a discrepancy between the transmittal letter to Coastal States Energy Company, dated December 1, 1989, and the first page of the Administrative Overview. The letter states that the expiration date for the permit is April 30, 1993 and the Administrative Overview states that the permit will expire on April 30, 1992. It appears that the letter is in error.

2. UMC 817.49 Hydrologic Balance: Permanent and Temporary Impoundments, Compliance

   The operator has made an attempt to minimize impacts to fish in Eccles Creek, however, there have been impacts to water quality and fish. Every effort must be taken to isolate the cause and correct the problem.

3. UMC 817.52 Hydrologic Balance: Surface and Ground Water Monitoring, Compliance, Page 20, last paragraph

   It is stated in this paragraph that the applicant commits to not mining under Electric Lake and to providing full support room-and-pillar mining under the upper Huntington Creek, Bolger Creek, South Fork of Eccles Creek and Electric Lake buffer zones, unless geotechnical data supports feasibility of mining, and it is consented to by the Regulatory Authority. The mine plan actually states that no mining will be conducted under the buffer zones unless geotechnical data supports the feasibility of mining without short or long-term damage or alterations of the stream flows and it is consented to by the regulatory agencies.

Dave do we have an interpretation problem here?

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Carter will withdraw comment on UMC 817.52, will indicate on their office copy.

Discussed with Carter Reed on 1-18-90. This was resolved earlier in an agreement between Skyline & Forest Service so mains could be ~~placed~~ developed under streams.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

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