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Mr. Ken Payne, Manager
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Re: Deficiencies in Plan to Construct Portals in Lower O'Connor Coal Seam, Coastal States Energy Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005-94C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Payne:

The Division has completed a review of the application for permit change to allow for new portals to be constructed in the Lower O'Connor "B" seam. At this time your application is not considered complete. There are a few issues that will need to be addressed before the change can be approved. They are discussed below.

Since facility construction will require blasting a blasting plan will need to be submitted as required by R645-301-524. The portals and relocated culvert will be located within 100' feet of a public highway and within 500' of an abandoned mine opening. A Preblast survey must be described in the application. Also, owners of dwellings or structures within 1/2 mile of the site must be notified on how to request a preblast survey and regarding what times and locations blasts are to occur. Before blasting the Division will have to approve the Operator's blasting plan.

The location of the new portals is shown on the Drawing 3.2 1-1, entitled Mine Surface Facilities Plot Plan. However, the portals and the recently discovered abandoned opening are not shown on the mine maps. You must provide the Division with updated surface and mine maps that show the location of the new portals and workings as well as the abandoned opening and workings.

The slope and drift are located between 10' to 40' under the highway. Skyline has not addressed potential subsidence of the state highway. R645-301-241 prohibits conducting underground coal mining activities under public facilities unless the subsidence control plan demonstrates that subsidence will not cause material damage to such features. The Applicant still needs to demonstrate that the highway is protected from subsidence and that the proposed project will not result in any damage to the state highway.

Please provide a response to the above issues by no later than September 12, 1994. If you have any questions, please call me or Wayne Western.

Sincerely,

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Permit Supervisor

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