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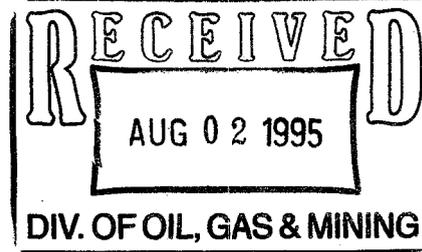
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Date: August 1, 1995

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On January 10, 1991, Coastal States Energy Company filed Coal Lease Application UTU-67939 with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah State Office, to lease Federal coal lands in the Winter Quarters Canyon area. This application is for securing additional coal reserves adjacent to Coastal's Skyline Mine.

As the responsible Federal agencies, the Forest Service and BLM conducted an environmental analysis and addressed issues in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Because you responded to our initial project scoping, we are sending you a copy of the Environmental Assessment, which documents the analysis, for your review during the required 30-day predecisional comment period. Following completion of the 30-day period, we will consider all comments and release a decision document and publish a notice of decision. It is our intent to choose Alternative C, which would be to offer the tract for lease with the Forest Service Standard Special Stipulations and excluding areas within the Fish Creek Semiprimitive Recreation Area. The stipulations are listed in Appendix C of the Environmental Assessment.

Please provide any comments that you may have on the Environmental Assessment by 5:00 pm, August 31, 1995. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Harber at the above address, or call (801) 637-2817.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure