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Dear Mr. *James* Carter:

On January 10, 1991, Coastal States Energy Company filed a coal lease application with this office, which was assigned Serial No. UTU-67939, commonly referred to as the Winter Quarters Tract. Subsequently, through the tract delineation process, additional lands were added to this application.

The environmental assessment (EA) for leasing of the Winters Quarters Tract was jointly prepared by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management with the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation participating as a cooperating agency. The Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Notice (FONSI/DN) has been approved. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of the EA and the FONSI/DN.

The coal resource to be offered as the Winter Quarters Tract consists of all coal recoverable in the following described lands located in Carbon County, within the Manti-LaSal National Forest, approximately 3 miles west of Scofield, Utah:

T. 12 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 26, S2SE, SESW;
Sec. 34, lots 1-4, S2NE, SENW, E2SWNW, N2S2;
Sec. 35, all.

T. 13 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 2, all;
Sec. 3, all;
Sec. 10, lots 1, 2, NE, E2NW;
Sec. 11, N2, N2S2.

3,291.00 acres; Carbon County, Utah

The Bureau of Land Management is tentatively proposing to hold a coal sale for the Winter Quarters Tract sometime in May, 1996. You should be aware this is the Winter Quarters Tract listed in Section 7(a) of Public Law 103-93, The Utah Schools and Lands Improvement Act of 1993, for possible transfer to the State of Utah to help satisfy the equal value for state inholdings. Once leased, this tract may not be available for selection by the State under this Act.

In accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3420.4-3, we are requesting your recommendations as to whether to lease the above described lands. Although the regulations allow 30 days for your comments, your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.



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Enclosures

1. EA (73pp)
2. FONSI/DN (5pp)

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