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Ms. Susan Linner
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Project

Dear Susan:

During the past two years, Eureka Energy Company (Eureka) has contributed funding for a long-term research project directed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). The purpose of this study is to provide information on the impact of mining on wildlife by gathering data before development occurs, during construction of facilities, and while the mines are in full operation. In general, I feel that the goals of the study are beneficial to the Division of Wildlife Resources as well as mining companies.

DWR hopes that Eureka will be interested and able to participate in ultimate funding that will allow the study to continue on our permit area for another three years. (To my knowledge, Eureka has never committed itself to the long-term financial support of this research proposal.) According to Mr. Larry Dalton (DWR) this study has nothing to do with the permitting of the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Project. We would like to know whether DOGM considers it necessary that Eureka continue studying responses of mule deer and other wildlife to coal mining operations.

Sincerely,

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