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UNITED STATES FUEL COMPANY

NINETEENTH FLOOR UNIVERSITY CLUB BUILDING
136 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Attn: James W. Smith, Jr., Coordinator
of Mined Land Development

Re: Approval for Minor
Modification to Interim
Plan - U.S. Fuel Company
King No. 6 Mine ACT/007/0011
Carbon County, Utah

Reference is made to your letter of July 15, 1981, notifying U.S. Fuel Company that its proposed operations for construction of a conveyor system, truck loadout and haulage road modification for the King No. 6 mine area are jointly approved by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of the State of Utah and the Office of Surface Mining, United States Department of the Interior. Further, a conditional approval for commencement of construction activities was granted contingent upon compliance with DOGM/OSM Stipulations enclosed with the July 15, 1981 notice of approval.

Stipulation 7-81-4 was responded to by the Division of Wildlife Resources' letter dated July 30, 1981, addressed to Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining stating, in part, as follows:

" . . . it is believed that migration by deer will not be inhibited if a majority of the length of the conveyor is elevated to provide a minimum of one meter clearance beneath the structure."

We note that a copy of that letter has already been furnished to OSM in accordance with a requirement of Stipulation 7-81-4.



For your information, we are enclosing three (3) copies each of drawings identified as follows:

1. EFC-133(SK-1) entitled "General Arrangement With Diversion Ditch Path and Details".
2. EFC-133(G-15) entitled "Stacker Conveyor Section".
3. EFC-133(G-5) entitled "Overland Conv. Elevation General Arrangement".

The purpose of furnishing these drawings is to illustrate the following facts:

- A. The length of the conveyor is 1850 feet from Transfer Point No. 1 to Transfer Point No. 2 and 266 feet from Transfer Point No. 2 to the coal pile. See SK-1 drawing.
- B. At 10 foot intervals along the overland conveyor belt the return idlers are positioned and the conveyor belt rides on top of those idlers which are approximately 5 inches in diameter. See G-5 drawing. The elevation of the conveyor above the surface of the ground is 4'9" at most points except at the conveyor idlers where the elevation is 3'11.8" from the ground level to the bottom of the idler.
- C. The elevation of the conveyor system at all points exceeds 1 meter (3.3 feet) and thus does not represent a barrier to the migration routes of mule deer in the area.
- D. The only point at which no passage is available for migrating deer is a 15 foot square concrete structure situated at Transfer Point No. 2 as shown on SK-1 drawing and G-15 drawing.

It is our intent to promptly proceed with construction in accordance with the approval previously granted by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and the Office of Surface Mining in accordance with the rules and regulations. The information supplied adequately illustrates that appropriate planning had already taken place which was responsive to the concerns expressed in the Stipulation 7-81-4 and the Division of Wildlife Resources letter of July 30, 1981.


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