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U-51923
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Moab District
Price River Resource Area
900 North 700 East
Price, Utah 84501

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Mr. Robert Ecc11
Senior Mine Engineer
United States Fuel Company
P. O. Box A
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

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Dear Mr. Ecc11:

United States Fuel Company submitted a proposal to modify the mine plan of King 4 Mine, 15 East section dated June 12, 1989.

The modification proposes to develop and mine the "B" seam of coal on Federal lease U-51923 from a new set of mains to be driven at a later date, rather than from the 15 East mains as was originally planned.

As the 15 East section mains were being driven on the "B" seam of coal into lease U-51923, the quality of the coal became gradationally lower and the coal became less than five feet in thickness.

Production quotas were not being met from development of the lower coal, as the equipment was not suitable for working a seam less than five feet thick. Pillars will be pulled as 15 East section is retreated to location where the new entry section will be developed back into lease U-51923. This will allow production to reach quota, and afford time to acquisition equipment that can operate in the low coal found in the lease property.

The proposal will have no effect on the future coal recovery. Maximum economic recovery will be met by the proposed modification. Future mining of the lower Hiawatha coal seam would not be affected by this modification. Therefore, the modification is approved as shown on the enclosed map.

Sincerely yours,

MARK E. BAILEY

Area Manager

Enclosure:
Map

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