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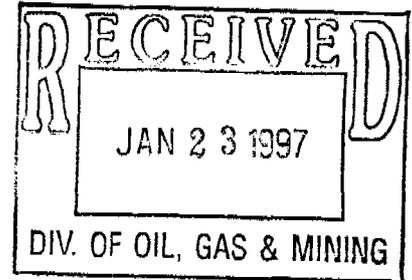
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Reclaiming the Earth's Resources

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Attn: Mr. Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor

Re: Technical Analysis on October 23, 1996 Submittal
Nevada Electric Investment Company
ACT/007/012, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

On January 13, 1997, EARTHCO received a copy of the technical analysis of the October 23, 1996 submittal by Mt. Nebo Scientific. As I am sure you are aware, EARTHCO is the new operator of the Wellington Coal Processing Plant ("WCP") and we are committed to bring WCP and the permit into compliance. In an effort to accomplish this, we have hired a number of consultants, engineers and technical people to assist us. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a learning curve and feel that in order to prepare a credible and professional response to the above referenced review we need an extension of sixty (60) days. This extension would allow us proper time to complete the deficiency document, as well as to rewrite those portions of the permit that need to be modified to address our anticipated long term management goals.

In brief, it is our intent to resurrect WCP into a dynamic industrial complex with a long term economic base for the residents of Carbon County and the State of Utah. While coal recovery and processing is an integral part of our plan, it is only one facet of our overall plan.

As we proceed, we will be working closely with your agency to accomplish our long term objectives. I appreciate your consideration of our request for an extension and will await your reply.

Sincerely,

EARTHCO

James W. Scott, President