



UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.

October 18, 2002

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RE: Request for Extension -- Technical Adequacy Response -- New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/013--PM02B-1

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

On behalf of UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. ("UEI"), we respectfully request an extension of 45 days to complete our response to the technical deficiencies identified in the Division's Technical Analysis dated July 19, 2002. Extensive field work has been completed and Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 have been revised. I am currently working on Chapter 6. As of today the remainder of Chapter 6 along with Chapters 7 and 8 still need to be addressed. UEI needs the additional time to complete chapters 6, 7, and 8 and to retain a consultant (EarthFAX) to conduct a new PHC and address any remaining hydrologic deficiencies in the plan. To maintain the cohesion of the plan and avoid confusion, UEI has elected not to submit a partial response but rather will submit a complete plan in December.

During my tenure with UEI, we have never requested an extension for any submission. All responses have been delivered on or before their deadlines. However, due to the amount of work remaining to address the Division's extensive Technical Analysis, UEI requests an additional 45 days from the due date of October 21, 2002.

UEI does not anticipate any additional delays on our part, and we are anxious to get the permit approved so we can move forward with development of the Lila Canyon Mine this summer.

Should you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

R. Jay Marshall

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