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**AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER** *Service Corporation*



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August 6, 1979

Mr. K. Michael Thompson  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The BLM has produced a new seeding mixture for American Electric Power. Enclosed you will find a copy of this list plus the letter from the BLM stating their reasons for the makeup of the seeding mixture. I hope this will meet the requirements of the State of Utah and the OSM.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER  
SERVICE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Stephens".

Don A. Stephens  
Resident Geologist

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Enclosures

cc: L. E. McCloskey



# United States Department of the Interior

IN REPLY REFER TO

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(U-601)

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Moab District  
Price River Resource Area  
P. O. Drawer AB  
Price, Utah 84501

August 1, 1979

Mr. Don Stevens  
American Electric Power Service Corp.  
68 South Main  
Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Stevens:

There has been some objection voiced by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the seeding mixture we sent you last year.

According to regulation 816.111, published in the Federal Register on March 13, 1979, the area should be seeded with a permanent vegetative cover of the same seasonal variety native to the area of the disturbed land. Regulation 816.112 gives the conditions under which introduced species may be substituted.

We have always stressed using native species when possible. Our main objective in all cases is to get a quick cover on the disturbed area to mitigate erosional losses.

When putting together a seeding mixture, we try to find species which are not too palatable to livestock. In several cases, we have had livestock graze the new seedings before they've had a chance to become established. If we can use species which are not too palatable, we can avoid the expense of fencing the disturbed sites. Often times these are introduced species.

Another problem we have come up against is finding a seed source for the native species.

We sent over 30 inquiries out to the seed companies asking for a list of native species they sell. We've found that a large number of our native species are just not available.

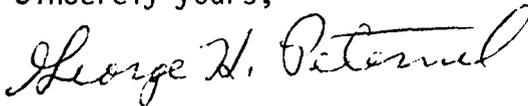
We have reworked the seed mixture that we sent you last year, added some native species and kept some introduced species. The species marked with



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an asterisk are considered introduced species. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George H. Peterman".

Acting Area Manager

Enclosure:  
Seeding Mixture

cc:  
Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining  
Post Office Building, Room 270  
1823 Stout Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

SEEDING MIXTURE FOR  
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CORP.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Rate of Pure Live Seed (pounds per acre)</u>
*Intermediate wheatgrass	Agropyron intermedium	4
*Russian wildrye	Elymous junceous	4
Great Basin wildrye	Elymous cinereus	4
Woods rose	Rosa woodsii ultramontana	$\frac{1}{2}$
Bitterbrush	Purshia tridenta	$\frac{1}{2}$
Curlleaf Mt. Mahogany	Cecocarpus ledifolus ledifolus	$\frac{1}{2}$
Birchleaf Mt. Mahogany	Cecocarpus montanus montanus	$\frac{1}{2}$