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Robert H. Hagen, Director
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Dear  Mr. Hagen:

Re: Request for Technical Assistance from OSM, Denver: Beaver Creek Coal Company, (Mountain Coal Company), Gordon Creek #2, #7 & #8 Mine, ACT/007/016, Carbon County, Utah

Pursuant to your conversation on August 14, 1991, with Lowell Braxton, I am requesting that an OSM engineer, based in the Denver office, be allowed to assist the Division in modification of the Gordon Creek #2, #7 and #8 final reclamation plan.

As you are aware, the Division ordered Beaver Creek Coal Company (Mountain Coal Company) to revise the MRP to comport with the present interpretation of the rules governing backfilling and grading and highwall reclamation.

When the MRP for the highwall at the #7 Mine was approved, the plan allowed retention of the highwall, and construction of the pad was accordingly accomplished. I believe that engineering support from OSM Denver could be valuable in discussing designs for a stable final configuration for the #7 Mine portal face-up within the constraints of the present Utah Program.

Members of my staff have informally discussed this concept with Gene Hay of OSM's Denver Technical Staff, and he has indicated a willingness to provide

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engineering support, given the proper approvals. Any support in furtherance to this request that you could give, would be appreciated.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianne".

Dianne R. Nielson
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