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November 21, 1986

(This letter sent to every one on the attached list.)

Dear :

Re: Determination of Completeness, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Folder No. 2 and 6, Carbon County, Utah

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) has completed a review of the resubmitted Permit Application Package (PAP) for the Soldier Canyon Mine. The new PAP incorporates four previously unpermitted state coal leases. The Division has determined the plan to be apparently complete. In compliance with Section UMC 786.11(b) and (c) of the Utah Coal Mining Reclamation Act (UMC, Section 40-10-1 et seq), notice is hereby given to all appropriate agencies having a jurisdiction over or an interest in the area of the operations that a complete plan is available for public review for this addendum.

Soldier Creek Coal Company is permitted to conduct mining and reclamation operations within a permit boundary encompassing 2,143.81 acres, approximately 12 miles northeast of Price, Utah, on paved road 53 at the mouth of Nine Mile Canyon. If the new PAP is approved, the permit area will increase to 4,347.99 acres. The permit area is located on the Deadman Canyon and Pine Canyon U. S. G. S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps.

State coal leases ML-21994 (320 acres) and ML-22675 (200 acres) were transferred to Soldier Creek Coal Company from Sunedco Coal Company, both of which are affiliates of Sun Company, Inc. State leases ML-42648 and ML-42649, also held by Sunedco Coal Company, were converted from federal coal leases in the In-Lieu Lands Transfer of October 11, 1985 and portions of these leases are proposed for the new permit area.

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The following areas will comprise the new five-year permit area if the PAP is approved:

Federal Lease SL 051279-063188 (1548.31 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 11 East:

Section 12: E 1/2 E 1/2  
Section 13: NE 1/4 NE 1/4

Township 13 South, Range 12 East:

Section 7: All  
Section 8: W 1/2  
Section 17: NW 1/4  
Section 18: N 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4,  
Lot 1 (NW 1/4 NW 1/4)

Lease SL 051279-063288 (amendment)(163.82 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 11 East

Section 13: SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Township 13 South, Range 12 East

Section 18: Lot (SW 1/4 NW 1/4), SE 1/4 NW 1/4

Federal Lease U-50722 (400 acres)

Township 12 South, Range 11 East

Section 12: E 1/2 W 1/2, W 1/2 E 1/2  
Section 13: NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4

State Lease ML-21994 (320 acres)

Township 12 South, Range 12 East

Section 32: S 1/2

State Lease ML-22675 (280 acres)

Township 12 South, Range 12 East

Section 32: NE 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4

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State Lease ML-42648 (a portion of) (480 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 12 East

Section 8: E 1/2  
Section 17: NE 1/4

State Lease ML-42649 (or portion of)(1117.8 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 12 East

Section 4: S 1/2, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4  
Section 5: SE 1/4, Lots 1 and 2  
Section 9: W 1/2, NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4

Sewage Lagoons (2.18 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 12 East

Section 19: SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4

Township 13 South, Range 11 East

Section 24: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4

Rock Waste Disposal Area (30 acres)

Township 13 South, Range 11 East

Section 24: S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4  
Section 25: N 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will now prepare a Technical Analysis (TA) to determine whether the plan meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of UCA, Section 40-10-1 et seq.

Upon completion of the TA for said plan, a decision will be made as to approval or disapproval of the permit application. No decision will be taken by the Director for a minimum period of 30 days after submission of this Notice of Availability to the appropriate agencies. This plan is available for public review at: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203.

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