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March 15, 2005

Coal Regulatory Program
Attn.: Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Signature Authority for Canyon Fuel Company Permit Modifications

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Please find below a list of the personnel that I am authorizing, in addition to myself, to sign the appropriate forms for permit modifications to the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC Mining and Reclamation Plans.

- Dugout Canyon Mine: Erwin Sass, David Spillman
- Soldier Canyon Mine: Erwin Sass, David Spillman
- Banning Loadout: Erwin Sass, David Spillman
- Sufco Mine: Kenneth May, John Byers
- Skyline Mine: Wess Sorensen, Carl Winters

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call Chris Hansen at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely,

Gene DiClaudio
President
Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC