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Mr. Ken Payne
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Southern Utah Fuel Company
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Dear Mr. Payne:

On June 26, 1990, this office received from Southern Utah Fuel Company (SUFCo) a request to modify the approved resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) at the SUFCo No. 1 mine.

The modification calls for halting the 4LMI gateroad development at cross-cut 46 and turning off two bleeder entries north to connect up with 3LMI. The setup rooms for longwall panel No. 12 would be started at crosscut 39 and 40, thereby shortening the panel by 1,200 feet from the projected startup rooms shown in the original plan. Also, the setup rooms for the next longwall panel, No. 13 off 5LMI, would be extended west 190 feet from the planned setup rooms (see enclosed map).

These changes are due to the encountering of an irregular paleochannel area, as mapped, with an associated rock split that has reduced the quantity and quality of the coal, along with creating safety problems with supporting an unstable and incompetent roof. These conditions were verified by our inspector on June 15, 1990. The rock split, ranging from 1 to 3 feet thick, has left less than 8 feet of coal below the split. Above the split, this coal has been replaced with a highly fractured poor quality coal, which cannot be mined or used as a safe and stable roof. This geologic occurrence was encountered well before a projected fault area. As a result, 477,000 tons of projected coal are not now recoverable.

This letter is to document the conditions encountered and to confirm the verbal approval of the modification that was given by SLA on the inspection. We have determined that the modified mine plan will still achieve maximum economic recovery for this coal lease, U-47000. The modification is approved and a copy of the approved mine map is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact our minerals personnel at our Price Coal Office at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ WILLIAM C. STRINGER

Assistant District Manager

Enclosure:

Approved Modification & Map

cc: SD, Utah (U-921), w/encl.

UDCGM, SLC, w/encl.

OSM, Denver, w/encl.

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