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Mr. James W. Carter, Director
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ATTENTION: Joseph C. Helfrich
Bill Malencik

SUBJECT: Horizon Coal Mine permit amendment. Horizon Coal Company, Horizon Mine,
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has reviewed the above mentioned mine permit amendments. We have the following comment.

The permit needs to stipulate that the power line support towers are to be raptor proof. The raptor proofing needs to follow the guidelines outlined in *Mitigating Bird Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in 1994*, Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.C.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this permit renewal and provide our comments. If you have any questions, please call Ben Morris or Bill Bates at (801) 637-3310.

Sincerely,

John Kimball
Director

cc: Reed Harris, USFWS

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