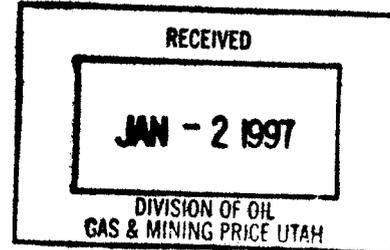


**Horizon Coal Corporation
P.O. Box 2560
Wise, VA 24273**

December 27, 1996

Mr. Daron Haddock
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple
Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801



Subject: Extension of Submittal Date, Division Order #96A, Permit No. ACT/007/020
Horizon Coal Corporation, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Daron,

We wish to request an extension for the submittal of the data requested in Division Order #96A from December 27, 1996 to February 10, 1997. Several complications have required this request for an extension:

1. Severe weather conditions have made access to the site difficult.
2. Documentation regarding Sweet's Pond between Horizon, Arco, and Agnes Pierce (land owner) has not been completed due to holiday scheduling conflicts.

Thank you for your assistance in this extension.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicky A. Bailey for".

Bradley J. Bourquin

cc: Vicky Bailey
James Carter
Joe Helfrich
Bill Malencik
Mary Ann Wright