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To: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor, Compliance *JH*

From: Bill Malencik, Reclamation Specialist *BM*

RE: Public Hearing/Call for Public Comments, Coal Lease Application UTU-74804

ACT 10071020 #2

Date of Public Hearing: October 9, 1997, 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Who Called Hearing: BLM

Where Held: BLM, Price Office

Who Attended:

BLM:	Max Nielsen, Steve Falk
Public 1:	Nick Sampinos, Price
Public 2:	Steve Stamatakis, Price
Public 3:	Pete Stamatakis, Price
Public 4:	Vicky Bailey, SLC
Public 5:	Rick Williamson, Legal Assistant, SLC
Public 6:	Bill Malencik, Price

My Interpretations of Public Hearing

BLM: Process - Good Job

Coal Lease Role: BLM

Coal Permit Role: Et. Al until final bond release, DOGM

Important Dates:

Comments to BLM by October 31, 1997

Lease Decision Date: December not firm

Review Mining History in the immediate area

NEPA/EA: No significant impacts



Public Comments

- No formal public presentation or submitted written statements
- Public concerns expressed by attendees 1, 2, & 3 that consisted of periodic brief statements of concern which included:
 - Unresolved 2, 7, & 8 issues and fear that they will also take place on the proposed lease, subsidence cracks, safety, horse broke leg, loss of water, etc
 - Cabin sites
 - Compare Jump Creek and Beaver Creek, change on the amount of water - Water loss/Beaver Creek - No change/Jump Creek
More water in Gordon Creek less in Beaver Creek - implied that because of mining water in being diverted underground
 - More coal trucks on road
 - Dust in sheep wool
 - Sheep death attributable to coal truck
 - Need fence to keep sheep off road
 - Concern about latent impacts after final bond release

- I did not plan to say a word; however, when BLM could not provide the minimum time frame after final bond release, I clarified this item. Also, as related to fencing, I inquired whether or not Utah had a herd law, pertaining to sheep on the open range.

Follow-up

- Max Nielsen gave Mr. Sampinos a map and asked him to place on the map areas of concern with supportive information

- BLM and attendees 1, 2, & 3 scheduled field meeting for 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 1997