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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. David Hibbs
President
UtahAmerican Energy, INC.
P.O. Box 910
East Carbon, Utah 84520

Re: Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan, Longwall Panel #23, West Ridge Mine

Dear Mr. Hibbs:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a modification to the approved resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) on May 25, 2011, to add an additional longwall panel (longwall panel # 23) at the subject mine. However, we have noted that development mining for this panel, the 16th West development entries, has begun and crossed the northeast corner of Federal coal lease UTU-78562. This was mined prior to your submission of your plan. This is contrary to the regulations for Federal coal leases that require the lessee to follow approved R2P2's and have modifications approved prior to operations conducted under that plan (43 CFR 3482.1(b) "Resource recovery and protection plans", and 43 CFR 3482.1(c) "Changes in plans by operator/lessee"). We will act quickly on the received modification, but must stress to you that further actions without prior approval will result in enforcement actions which could include actions to initiate cancellation of the lease or forfeiture of the Federal lease bond.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Rigby (435-636-3604) or Stephen Falk (435-636-3605) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Clabaugh
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Field Office Manager

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