April 15, 1976

Mr. Dan H. Hunter
Western States Coal Corp.
2330 South Main Street
Suite 6
Salt Lake City, Utah 84117

Re: Dog Valley Coal Mine
Sec. 32, T. 23 S., R. 6 E.
Emery County, Utah

#43-015-002

Dear Mr. Hunter:

As per the provisions of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, legal notice of Western States Coal Corporation's notice of intent and reclamation plan for the above described mine were published on March 4th, 1976 in the Salt Lake Tribune and The Emery County Progress. The Division has received no objections of substance in the ensuing thirty (30) day period.

The Division, therefore, grants final approval of the mining and reclamation plans, contigent upon the confirmation of a bonding agreement between Western States Coal Corp. and the Utah Division of State Lands.

Very truly yours,

James W. Carter
Engineering Geologist

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cc: Division of State Lands