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

Re: Confidentiality of Notice of Intent
#43-015-002
Sec. 32, T. 23 S., R. 6 E.
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hunter:

As you may know certain information provided to the Division in a Notice of Intent to Commence Mining Operations (MR 1) and its attachments may be protected as confidential if so marked. Section 40-8-13 (2) of the Mined Land Reclamation Act states that information relating to the location, size, or nature of the mineral deposit marked confidential by the operator shall be protected as confidential information by the Board and the Division.

In your previously filed notice, no such designation was made. Possibly you were aware of this provision for confidentiality and perhaps not, now however, we would like your wishes known as we have had certain public requests to examine all or parts of the files.

Please reply by the 1st of May on whether you have information as described above on file with this office which you would like maintained as confidential. If no reply is received by said date it will be assumed that you have no need for confidentiality and your entire notice of intent will be available for public inspection upon request.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please contact us.

Very truly yours,

Ronald W. Daniels

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