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Mr. Ronald Daniels, Deputy Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Department of Natural Resources and Energy
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Natomas Emergency Lease Application

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Pursuant to your recent memorandum to members of the Coal Leasing Task Force regarding an emergency coal lease application submitted by Natomas Coal Company, I have contacted an Emery County Commission representative and find that there exists a serious concern with approval of that request.

It seems that Emery County, the U.S. Forest Service and Natomas are presently engaged in discussions regarding improvements to an important road that serves the coal mining operations. The Emery County Commission believes that any action on the emergency lease application should be delayed until the issue of the road is resolved. This action is not meant as an opposition view on the application, but is seen as necessary to facilitate the company's continued operations in the area. I am told the needed road improvements could cost as much as \$3 million.

In view of this situation, I would encourage a delay in any action on the part of the Coal Leasing Task Force or the Governor until this issue can be reviewed.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Gary R. Tomsic
Deputy Director

cc: Jim Butler