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Mr. Sam Hotchkiss
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Dear Mr. Hotchkiss:

RE: West Appa coal Company, Rilda Canyon Mine, PRO/015/010, #2, Emery County, Utah
Beaver Creek Coal Company, Wild Horse Ridge Mine, PRO/015/001, #2, Emery County, Utah

This letter is being written to you at the request of the Office of Surface Mining in order to apprise you of the permitting status of the above referenced Permit Application Packages (PAPs). The Division offers the following information in order that you may better plan your environmental analyses in the near future:

Rilda Canyon Mine - The review of this PAP was initiated in early 1984 but was temporarily stopped after April 1984, due to the Company's inability to provide satisfactory information in order to determine the plan complete. Since that time, no further review work has been conducted on this PAP. West Appa Coal Company's parent company is apparently considering divesting itself of West Appa and the Rilda Canyon Mine. How this will affect the future of the proposed mine and subsequent permitting review process cannot be ascertained by the Division at this time. West Appa Coal Company has not officially notified the Division of its intent regarding the disposition of the Rilda Canyon properties.

Wild Horse Ridge Mine - Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC) submitted the PAP for this proposed operation in June 1983. As you are probably aware, its review has not been initiated to date. During August 1984, the Division requested that the Company notify us of their intent for pursuing the permitting

process for this mine by October 15, 1984, otherwise forcing the Division to consider that BCCC was no longer interested in this pursuit. To date, the Division has received no official notification from BCCC regarding the permitting of this PAP. Therefore, it must be surmised that the Company will not seek a permit for the proposed Wild Horse Ridge Mine.

I hope this information will aid you in your planning process. Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Division at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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