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Dr. Dianne R. Nielson, Director
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Attn: Lowell Paxton

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Utah Power and Light Company's December 21, 1984, and January 16, 1985, responses to the Technical Deficiency Reviews for the Mining and Reclamation Plan at the Des-Bee-Dove Mine. We have no comment on that material.

However, our comments of January 27, 1984, relative to the Company's November 21, 1983, revised response to the ACR have not been addressed. Additionally, we are concerned that the new 2.4 mile long junction road between the Des-Bee-Dove and Wilberg Mines has not been addressed in relation to wildlife habitat impacts and mitigation. Approximately 1.8 miles length of this road lies within critical valued deer winter range. Considering the width and length of this road, a substantial acreage of habitat has been lost. To date this acreage has not been identified in the MRP, nor has a mitigation plan been developed.

It is recommended that the Company develop mitigation for this impact concurrent with mitigation planning for the rock waste disposal associated with the Wilberg Mine.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,

William H. Geer, Director
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

John W: Comments
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