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Mr. Lowell Braxton
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Dear Lowell:

A meeting was conducted at our office on March 25, 1987 regarding Utah Power and Light (UP&L) Company's spring monitoring program on East Mountain. Representatives of UP&L, your office, and the Forest Service were present (see enclosed sign-in sheet).

Two major points were discussed. The first was UP&L's desire to discontinue the discharge recession study on Spring 79-32 and shift the study to Spring 79-29. Justification for this proposal involves easier access to 79-29 and the contention that mining will take place under 79-29 and not under 79-32. DOGM supported UP&L's position.

After the discussion on this issue, the Forest Service agreed to consent to this proposal as long as 79-32 continues to be monitored such that any affects on the flow of this spring due to mining and subsidence would be detected and reported. This letter documents Forest Service consent for this change.

The second point involved reducing the total number of springs monitored due to the large number of springs identified and the work and cost involved for monitoring all of them. UP&L proposed to monitor the springs which lie within the mined area and the area projected for mining in the five-year mining plan. As mining progresses each year, the new springs in the progressive five-year mine plan area would be added to the monitoring program. DOGM supported this concept.

The Forest prepared a list of the springs which have been identified as having specific importance regarding the management of the National Forest. Approximately one half of the springs presently being monitored were identified on this list. It also contained several springs that have not been identified on UP&L's spring inventory. UP&L agreed to investigate the spring locations this field season. A copy of the list was given to both DOGM and UP&L.

As long as the springs identified on the list will be monitored sufficiently to identify any affects of mining and subsidence, and the overall program meets Federal and State requirements, the Forest Service and DOGM agreed to evaluate a

modification to the Mine and Reclamation Plan. The concept of changing the monitoring plan each year (based on the five-year mine plan), is agreeable to the Forest Service, however, it will require yearly update and approval. UP&L will prepare a modification and submit it to DOGM in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding our position on this matter, give us a call.

Sincerely,

W. H. Boley

for
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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

Sign-In Sheet

3/25/87 meeting Regarding UP&L Hydrologic Program

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