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April 17, 1987

Mr. Reed C. Christensen
Manti-LaSal National Forest
599 West Price River Drive
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Re: Operational Status, Utah Power and Light Company, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017, Emery County, Utah

In response to your letter of March 26, 1987, to the Office of Surface Mining asking for an update on the operational status of the Des-Bee-Dove Mine, enclosed is a copy of D. W. Jense's February 17, 1987 letter notifying the Division of temporary closure of the Des-Bee-Dove coal mine.

I verified the temporary nature of the closure with Chris Shingleton of Utah Power and Light Company on April 14, 1987. Des-Bee-Dove will indeed remain in this status until further notice. Maintenance activities will be conducted on the surface and the Division will continue to inspect this mine on a quarterly basis as befitting its temporary suspended operational status.

My conversation with Mr. Shingleton verified that Utah Power and Light Company does not plan to initiate permanent reclamation operations for the Des-Bee-Dove Mine at this time. No amendments or revisions to the plan have been submitted by Utah Power and Light Company as a function of the change to suspended operational status.

Should additional information be required, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lowell P. Braxton".

Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
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Enclosure
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