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Mr. Gene Nodine, District Manager
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Gene

Dear Mr. Nodine:

Re: Coal Resource Information, Federal Coal Leases: U-02664,
SL-050133 and SL-066116, Utah Power and Light Company,
Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

The Des-Bee-Dove Mine, operated by Utah Power and Light Company, notified the Division last year that the mine is in an indefinite period of temporary cessation. One of the Division's regulatory requirements is to assure prompt reclamation of areas disturbed by coal mining operations. This requirement must, of course, be tempered by coal recovery considerations. In order to facilitate a decision as to when UP&L should reclaim the Des-Bee-Dove site, would you provide the Division with the following:

- The amount of economically recoverable coal remaining at the Des-Bee-Dove mine.
- The consequence to the operator if the mine were permanently reclaimed without mining the economically recoverable coal.
- The regulatory process BLM must undertake to allow final reclamation of a site when complete coal recovery has not occurred.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please telephone me at (801) 538-5340.

Sincerely,

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