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Mr. Jim Smith
Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining
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Re: Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018-A, Emery County, Utah

Dear Jim:

The staff of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received, for consideration, the Deer Creek Mine Plan. The mine plan is located 8 miles west of Huntington. The permit includes three mines, Deer Creek, Des-Bee-Dove, and Wilberg. The Des-Bee-Dove mine application has been filed separately.

Private mining was done in Deer Creek Canyon before 1946. Peabody Coal Company began operation in 1969. Since 1977, Utah Power & Light has operated the mines.

It is somewhat difficult to determine surface disturbance, either of previous mine activity, or proposed work. Extension of the railroad trackage is proposed and a new fan portal will disturb approximately 5 acres.

Concerning historic and cultural resource comments:

Archeological investigations were conducted during July and August of 1980 by the Archeological-Environmental Research Corporation. A literature search was followed by a field survey of 86 sample survey units of 10 to 40 acres each. AERC had previously done field work for the owner starting in 1976 to evaluate proposed access roads and drill locations.

The report submitted contains both archeological and historic background of the general mine area. The surveys located 4 prehistoric sites and 11 isolated artifacts. Earlier surveys identified three sites and some artifacts within the permit area.

The contractor recommends clearance of the mine plan based on the determination of no known effect. There are some recommendations for additional testing and excavation within

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the mine plan area that may indicate that eligibility determinations have not been completed by the contractor.

The Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining, in conjunction with the Office of Surface Mining, may use this information to determine if the mine plan is complete.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact this office at 533-7039.

Sincerely,



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Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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