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Dr. Dianne Nielson, Director
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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Field Operations (WFO), has received the April 29, 1986, Utah Power and Light Company's (UPL) request to delay compliance with special condition No. 3 of permit UT-0016 for the Deer Creek mine. Special condition No. 3 required UPL to increase the capacity of the Deer Drainage and Elk Creek diversion culverts to convey the 10-year, 24-hour storm event as required by UMC 817.44. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) is in the process of revising the Utah coal rules to require a design standard of a 6-hour, 10-year event, consistent with revised Federal regulations. UPL has provided data showing existing culverts are sufficient to convey the 6-hour, 10-year event. Accordingly, OSMRE concurs with DOGM's decision to approve UPL's request to delay installation of additional culverts.

If you have any questions, please contact David Costain or Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

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