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DIVISION OF  
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Dear Lowell:

Enclosed are complete copies of the Forest Service Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Notice (FONSI/DN) which address Utah Power and Light Company's longwall mining under the escarpments in Miller and Newberry Canyons. This is a follow-up to our letter of December 23, 1987, which transmitted only a copy of the FONSI/DN to your office.

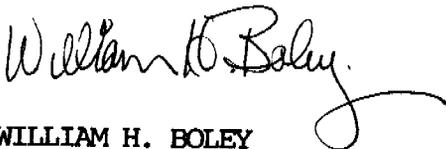
Alternative 3 (Modified Mine Plan), which was formulated and agreed to during our meeting on December 17, 1987, is the Forest Service approved alternative. Forest Service consent to the mining according to this alternative is subject to the mitigations identified on pages 7-9 of the EA. Utah Power and Light will need to incorporate provisions consistent with these mitigations into their Mining and Reclamation Plan.

The FONSI/DN and EA discuss using a 15° angle of draw as the basis for Alternative 3. Since the Division has determined that mining of the sixth and seventh east panels actually involved a 20° angle of draw, we have no objection to modification of this alternative accordingly.

Utah Power and Light Co. and the involved agencies will need to work closely together in a cooperative effort to provide for maximum recovery of the coal resource and the necessary coordination with other resources and resource uses.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM H. BOLEY  
Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosure