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cc: Dana

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Subject: Comments on the G&E Report for Federal Coal Lease Modifications, UTU-06039 & UTU-88554

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

The Division has reviewed the Geologic, Tract Development, Engineering and Financial Analysis Report dated February 19, 2013 for the Federal Coal Lease Modifications on UTU-06039 and UTU-88554. The report looks to be thorough and reasonable to us. We concur with your analysis and report. Allowing the two lease modifications to go forward would provide for improved Maximum Economic Recovery of the Coal resource and would be in the best interest of the State. The Deer Creek Mine permit will need to be amended prior to any mining taking place within the boundaries of the lease modifications.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

for Dana R. Haddock
Dana Dean
Associate Director

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