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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chauncy Powis
FROM: Ron Daniels *Ra*
SUBJECT: Proposed Letter for Governor's Signature
DATE: January 2, 1979

As you know, the Leasing Task Force, at its December 21, 1978 meeting adopted a position on the coal lease exchange alternatives that were presented by Utah Power and Light Company of December 5, 1978 to the Energy Council.

Essentially, the position is that the Task Force concurs with adopting any one of the alternatives providing that it fulfills the objectives of our State Coal Leasing Policy.

Attached is a letter proposed by me, for the Governor's signature, relative to a State position on the Utah Power and Light proposal. If the Energy Council has not already submitted a State position to the Governor on this issue, would you obtain his concurrence with this position by sending the attached letter to Secretary Andrus?

If sending the letter over the Governor's signature is appropriate would you attach a final copy of our Coal Leasing Policy to it?

RWD/sp
cc: John Garr



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January 2, 1979

The Honorable Cecil D. Andrus
Secretary of the Interior
19th and C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Cece:

As you know, recent legislative action at the Federal level has paved the way for coal lease exchanges to take place involving Utah Power and Light's Preference Right Lease Applications in Garfield County, Utah.

Four possible alternatives in carrying out such a lease exchange were outlined in a letter to you from Mr. E.A. Hunter of Utah Power and Light dated November 30, 1978.

The four alternatives listed in that letter were reviewed very closely by the State Coal Leasing Task Force, and I as Governor support the Task Force position. Said position is that the State can support the adoption of any one of the four alternatives provided that the Coal Leasing Policy of the State of Utah (copy attached) is given consideration.

The Coal Leasing Task Force is prepared to review and critique the development of the chosen alternatives by the Department of Interior.

Sincerely,

Governor

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