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DIVISION OF OIL  
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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) has reviewed Utah Power & Light Company's letter dated August 23, 1985, and concurs with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (DOGM's) approval of the permit revision to allow continued development at the Cottonwood mine in the 4th East main expansion area and the mining development entries associated with the proposed longwall panels directly south of the 4th East main.

Approval of the mining in these areas does not extend to any longwall mining operations proposed for the Cottonwood mine. The proposed longwall operations are presently being reviewed by OSM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine the effects of subsidence from the proposed longwall operations on the overlying raptor nesting areas. The applicant is encouraged to continue discussions with the USFWS, OSM and DOGM to reach a mutually acceptable resolution to the issues surrounding the protection of raptors and their nesting habitat.

The applicant should be advised that the approval for mining the development entries associated with the proposed longwall panels directly south of the 4th East main in no way obligates, implicitly or explicitly, OSM to approve the mining of the longwall panels; and therefore, the applicant may proceed to mine the development entries with the understanding that the mining in the area of the longwall panels may not be approved as it is proposed.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Holbrook at (303)844-5421.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Klein  
 Administrator  
 Western Technical Center

cc: B. McCue, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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