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August 22, 1986

Mr. Reed Christensen
Forest Supervisor
Manti-LaSal National Forest
U. S. Forest Service
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Dear Mr. Christensen:

Re: Initial Review of MRP Amendment Plans, Request to Modify East Mountain Spring Monitoring Plan, Utah Power & Light Company, Wilberg and Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018 & ACT/015/019-(86A), Folder 4 & 9, Emery County, Utah

Utah Power & Light Company (UP&L) originally submitted plans on March 31, 1986 which requested a change in the East Mountain Spring Monitoring Plan for the Deer Creek and Wilberg mines. The OSM forwarded a copy of U. S. Forest Service (USFS) letter dated May 31, 1986 to this Division which outlined several concerns which your staff had regarding UP&L's request.

Division geologist, Rick Smith contacted Mr. Walt Nowak of your office on June 23, 1986 to discuss the same. Mr. Nowak requested that we forward a copy of our comments and assessment of the company's proposal for your review.

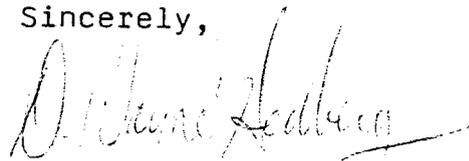
Mr. Smith reviewed the USFS May 31, 1986 letter and UP & L's request for change and has prepared a technical memo which contains a summary and recommendations. This memo is forwarded to you and the OSM for your review and comment. Please provide your approval or comments to this office at your earliest convenience.

The Division would like to direct its final decision on this proposal to Utah Power & Light Company as soon as possible.

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The Division will not approve Utah Power & Light's request to change the spring monitoring program without USFS and OSM concurrence. Should you have questions or additional concerns, please contact me or Rick Smith.

Sincerely,



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