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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Mr. Wendell Owen  
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RE: Raptor Protection  
on Power Lines  
Trail Canyon and  
Bear Creek Canyon Mines  
ACT/015/021, #13 and  
ACT/015/025, #13  
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Owen:

Pursuant to UMC 817.97(c), the Division notified the coal operators in writing on February 26, 1982 and March 8, 1982 as per the Division's policy of how compliance with this performance standard would be evaluated.

Pursuant to this policy, all post-law (1977) poles should be constructed as per the REA Bulletin 61-10, Power Line Contacts by Eagles and Other Large Birds, or in alternative guidance manuals approved by the Division. Pre-law (1977) poles were to be modified to conform to raptor protection technology unless an exemption was obtained from the Division. Exemptions were granted only to those operators which requested a survey (in writing) of their existing lines (to be done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S.F.W.S.)), and the results of the survey showed "no use" by eagles or other raptors (as per the guidelines provided in the policy letter). Surveys were to be requested (through the Division) prior to April 30, 1982. Surveys were to be completed by August 26, 1982. Without the survey, all poles were to be modified to meet raptor protection guidelines. Co-op did not request a survey.

On June 14, 1983 the Division, with the assistance of the U.S.F.W.S., surveyed all operations that had not requested survey to evaluate whether the existing power lines complied with raptor protection technology.

In Trail Canyon, most powerlines had been de-energized, thus making them "safe". However, the line from the mouth of the canyon to the scalehouse area was energized. The first three poles on this line were not constructed in a "raptor safe" manner.

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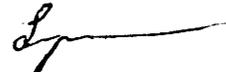
In Bear Canyon, all poles with cross arms were not "raptor safe".  
(Armless poles were of a safe design.)

Although the likelihood that these poles would be used is low; to comply with UMC 817.97, Co-op must modify these poles as per approved raptor protection guidelines.

Enclosed is a drawing showing several alternatives which may be used to modify these poles. Co-op may select the alternative they desire, but they must notify the Division as to what design(s) will be used and all "unsafe" poles must be modified within two weeks of receipt of this letter or enforcement action will be taken..

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Joe Helfrich or myself.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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