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David W. Hibbs  
President  
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.  
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Re: Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Revised Mining Plans with Timing, North and South Crandall Mines, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. (UEI)

Dear Mr. Hibbs:

On July 23, 2010 the BLM received a minor modification to the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) from UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. (UEI) for the North and South Crandall Mines. This proposed modification changed mining methods (longwall mining to first mining methods), revised the start up timing to begin mining, and summarized the coal reserves.

The R2P2 and the coal reserve summary table below (without the closed right-of way UTU-077975) are conditionally approved based on:

Three months prior to commencement of mining in 2012, UEI must submit a more detailed first mining plan to show the coal to be recovered after the initial advance by non-caving extraction methods (pillar slabbing etc) or other methods to safely maximize economic coal recovery.

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Crandall Canyon Mines  
Tonnage Summary      CONFIDENTIAL

Lease	Mined Tons	Remaining Tons	Base Tonnage
UTU-68082	15,622,484	980,000	16,602,484
UTU-54762	1,035,694	24,500	1,060,194
UTU-78953	718,511	2,035,000	2,753,511
SL-062648	860,843	5,500	866,343
Totals	18,237,532	3,045,000	21,282,532

The conditionally approved R2P2 meets the requirement to achieve maximum economic recovery (MER) of the Federal coal.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): As mining will occur in the same areas that were previously approved for mining, no new surface disturbance is predicted and is therefore Categorically Excluded (CX) from NEPA analysis under DM 516 chapter 11.5, paragraph F. (8): Approval of minor modifications to, or minor variances from, activities described in an approved underground or surface mine plan for leasable minerals.

This R2P2 modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, and the lease terms and conditions. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk at the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3605 or Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

s/ Roger L. Bankert

Roger Bankert  
Chief, Branch of Minerals

Enclosure: Approved Mine Map

cc: PFO

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