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Kane County Commission

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John Baza
Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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Re: Alton Coal Project

The Kane County Commission would like to formally advise you of our support for the proposed Alton Coal Project, on both private and public lands, within the county. Project Manager, Allen Childs has met with both the Kane County Commission and the Kane County Resource Development Committee in keeping us updated on the project. The County has also met with your staff regarding State oversight of the project. Additionally, the County has participated in the initial BLM scoping effort and has been invited to participate in the required NEPA planning as a cooperating agency. Alton Coal Development LLC has established a commendable record in being open and cooperative with local government, residents and property owners.

We understand that Alton Coal Development LLC will be presenting the Alton Coal Project mining and reclamation plan for your approval regarding their proposed mining operations on private lands. In that regard, the County believes that the Alton Coal Project will not only provide an important source for Utah's long term coal energy needs but that it will also bring significant economic benefits to Kane County and the Southern Utah region.

Kane County is prepared to participate in support of the Alton Coal Project in all levels of planning and to further assist in resolving any practical issues that may arise, i.e., local permitting requirements, transportation needs, etc.

We want to thank you and your staff for your efforts to coordinate the Alton Coal Project locally. We also hope the mining and reclamation plan meets your Division's requirements for approval and want to let you know that Kane County is ready and willing to assist the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Alton Coal Development LLC in any way that the county may be helpful.

Sincerely,
(via email)
Mark W. Habbeshaw
Commission Chair

cc: Allen Childs

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