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Honorable Scott M. Matheson
Governor of Utah
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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Dear Governor Matheson:

Coastal States Energy Company has filed an application for emergency coal lease Utah 47080, to include 1,158.05 acres of land in Sevier County, Utah. The tract applied for is within the boundaries of the Fishlake National Forest and is located approximately 24 air miles east of Salina, Utah. An environmental assessment report for this area is being completed and a public meeting will be held on February 10, 1981 in Richfield, Utah.

A determination has been made that this application qualifies under the regulations at 43 CFR 3425.1-4 for emergency coal leasing. An existing mining operation under lease by Coastal States Energy Company is functional on contiguous lands to this application. The plan for development will provide for the orderly development and mining of two million tons of coal annually which could be bypassed due to retreat mining.

The tract is located along the east side of Duncan Mountain on the North end of the Old Woman Plateau and access will be through the existing mine and will be transported through existing facilities. The applicant is presently mining by underground methods to the southeast and east of the area requested. Acquisition of this coal land will result in the recovery of approximately thirteen million tons of coal, which is needed to maintain the current level of production and would be bypassed in the reasonable foreseeable future.

We would appreciate receiving any comments you might have concerning this proposal within 30 days.

Sincerely yours,

State Director

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