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Mr. Cleon B. Feight
Department of Oil, Gas & Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Feight:

The attached letter from Dr. Clayton White is submitted in response to a request from your staff, as well as from OSM, that Southern Utah Fuel Company provide site specific raptor nest data in the break-out areas of Quitcupah Canyon.

When Dr. White conducted the field surveys, he had maps in his possession which located the break-out areas so that potential impacts could be identified. Finding a paucity of raptors, Dr. White addressed the study data in a rather general fashion. We trust that his letter will clear up this issue.

A copy of Dr. White's original report is included in Volume 5 of the Mine Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

Vernal J. Mortensen
by K. Welch

Vernal J. Mortensen
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Mr. Keith W. Welch
Environmental Coordinator
Costal States Energy Company
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Dear Keith:

Relative to our recent conversation I am sending you the following information. I am sorry that the report which I sent on raptors in the Convulsion Canyon area did not specifically state, in so many words, that the Break Out Sites were specifically checked.

This letter is to inform you that the Break Out Sites as shown on the maps which were supplied to us by Costal States were checked specifically. As you will recall the general area of those Break Out Sites were indicated on those maps. The golden eagles which we saw were not seen however, along the north fork of Quitchupah Canyon, but rather back in the Spring Canyon area. We suspect that if there are active golden eagle nests they were not along the Quitchupah area. Because of the timing of our work there, young eagles had already left the nest and therefore active nests would be hard to determine.

We are rather well convinced that the Break Out Sites do not have active raptor nests adjacent to them.

Sincerely yours,

Clayton M. White Ph.D.
Professor of Zoology

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