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Mr. Vernal J. Mortensen
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Dear Vern:

This letter is in response to your January 19 correspondence and discussions with John Garr concerning a revision to Coastal States mining plan.

On March 25, 1980, OSM approved Coastal States request to enter Federal Lease U-28297; this approval was granted during the period that the mining and reclamation (M/R) plan for the entire lease area was being reviewed. This action permitted Coastal States to extend second East Main a sufficient distance to allow the completion of panels 4, 5, and 6.

As you have indicated, the revised mine layout plan proposes to (1) extend second East Main to the outcrop (all within Federal Lease U-28297), (2) extend third North Submain to the outcrop (with Federal Leases U-28297 and U-062453), and (3) extend fourth North Submain short of breaking out at the outcrop (all within Federal Lease U-28297). However, the coal production rate will not significantly change, nor will new access roads or other surface facilities be established. Therefore, these additional operations constitute a small part of the overall operation and are considered a minor modification to the existing 30 CFR 211 approval.

Based on these understandings, Coastal States may extend the proposed mining operations on Federal Leases U-28297 and U-062453 as identified above and conditioned upon the following:

- a. Acceptance of the attached Standard Stipulations;
- b. Agreement that any Special Stipulations developed as a result of the overall M/R plan review will be made part of the action on the entire mine plan and will retroactively apply to all operations undertaken pursuant to this approval;
- c. The operator shall not construct the ventilation portals in a manner that would obstruct game trails and thus impede big game from using the migration corridor along the cliffs of Quitcupah Canyon; and



- d. The operator shall not construct ventilation portals from April 1 through May 31, unless the operator can demonstrate to OSM and the State that raptor nests, cougar dens, or big game migration routes will not be impacted by construction activities. This demonstration must be submitted to OSM for approval prior to breaking out.

Coastal States Energy Company may proceed with operations identified above upon acceptance of these conditions. The U.S. Geological Survey, Fishlake National Forest, and Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining concur with OSM's approval of Coastal States' revision to the mining plan (see attached correspondence). Acceptance can be indicated by cosigning and returning this letter or by separate correspondence.

Sincerely,



DONALD A. CRANE

Attachment

Agreed and Accepted on this 19 day of February
By Vernon A. Mortensen