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Mr. Wesley K. Sorensen
Technical Services Manager
Southern Utah Fuel Company
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Re: SUFCO Mine Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Minor Modification,
Extended Longwall Panels

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

On June 7, 1994, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received from Southern Utah Fuel Company (SUFCo), a request to modify the approved R2P2 for the SUFCO No. 1 Mine. The area of the modification is located in the Hiawatha seam on Federal coal lease U-63214.

SUFCo proposes to enlarge the next five longwall panels off 4 East (10 Left through 14 Left) from 6,300 to 13,700 feet in length and 720 to 930 feet in width. This proposal would extend the longwall panels north from 4 East Mains to the north lease boundary. The north-east portion of lease U-63214 would be mined by one set of longwall panels instead of a set of panels north and south of the Main East entries. Main East will now be terminated at the intersection of the 9 Left gate entries.

SUFCo cites increased recovery of reserves as justification for the mine plan modification. Previous areas of planned barrier pillars and main entry pillars would be eliminated and mined with the larger longwall panels.

The BLM encourages the use of newer technologies to increase coal recovery. We are aware of operating "super panels" in other parts of the country and believe the SUFCo's proposal is feasible.

The BLM has determined that the proposed modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. The larger longwall panels are approved as shown on the enclosed map. Please note that the submitted mine map shows that the mining configuration north of the old 3 West Mains differs from the original approved plan. Though we are aware that the final mining configuration for the west reserves

may change in time as new data is obtained, the mining layout depicted for the coal block northwest of 3 West is not approved and will require formal modification submittal for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk or me at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely,

/S/ DEAN NYFFELER

Acting Area Manager

Enclosure
Approved Mine Map

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