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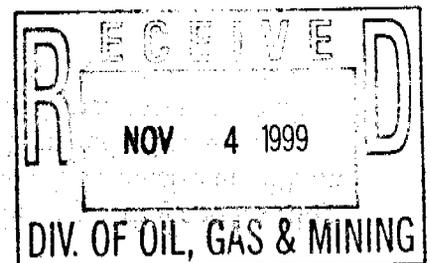
Dear Mary Ann:

The Forest Service has reviewed Canyon Fuel Company, LLC's proposal to relocate the drillhole breakout at their previously approved Link Canyon Substation facility. We understand that the drillhole breakout point must be moved further up canyon because of changed conditions, specifically encountering burned coal, voids, and temperatures too high to consider drilling and placing the power lines as initially proposed.

We have determined that the drillhole breakout relocation, with associated clearing and leveling of the already disturbed area on the old Link Canyon Mine tramway bench, is consistent with the scope of the Environmental Assessment prepared for the original breakout and substation.

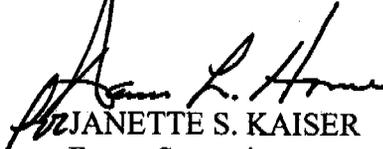
Therefore, we consent/concur with the proposal to move to the tramway bench location contingent upon satisfying UDOGM's requirements for sediment control, containing drilling fluids, and disposing of fluids/debris at an approved facility. Also, Canyon Fuel must present an updated proposal for the Link Canyon facility and reclaim all disturb areas regardless of whether it is used for the powerline. *

Any additional proposals to move the substation location or to add length to the existing powerline would require a separate permit action. Canyon Fuel is encouraged to submit a formal amendment to include the extension of the power line and relocation of the substation to the newly proposed site as soon as possible. Until we see the actual proposal, and can begin our analysis of the impacts due to the changes, we won't know the level of documentation and analysis required to consider the proposal.



Please advise Jeff DeFreest at the Ferron Price Ranger District, or Carter Reed at this office when the drilling is completed and casing has been placed so a follow-up field inspection can be made. Also, if you have any questions about this authorization, please contact Jeff or Carter.

Sincerely,


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