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October 15, 1999

Mr. Kenneth E. May, General Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
SUFCO Mine
397 South 800 West
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RE: Link Canyon Substation, Canyon Fuel Company, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. May:

This letter is in response to your request for a rapid approval from this agency to allow a borehole breakout location approximately 0.4 miles up-canyon from the originally anticipated location which was permitted through UDNR/OGM approval of ACT/041/002-98-1.

Based on Mr. Peter Hess' observations of the newly proposed area on October 12, 1999, the only real concern which was aired by that individual was that adequate sediment containment be implemented to catch and treat the approximate 1,000 gallons of water and drilling fluid medium which will be drained per hole breakout. This has been addressed within the 10/12/99 letter.

According to Mr. Hess, Mr. Wes Sorensen indicated that it is SUFCO's wish to also move the substation location 0.4 miles up-canyon so that it is immediately adjacent to this newly proposed breakout location. This will require the installation of approximately six more power transmission poles on the opposite side of the Link Canyon drainage. According to Mr. Jeff DeFreest, Ferron-Price District Geologist with the USFS Manti-La Sal National Forest, an amendment to the environmental assessment may be necessary to allow the additional pole installation. However, that decision must come internally from the USFS.

The proposed site will be on an area which was disturbed pre-SMCRA. SUFCO has committed to reclaiming the original substation site both in your 10/12/99 letter and within revision ACT/041/002-98-1, upon determination that the three holes can be completed at the new breakout.

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The UDNR/OGM approves your request contingent upon your commitment and agreement to the following stipulations:

- 1) If the three holes achieve successful completion and casing, a complete, and adequate permit amendment will be submitted including correct maps, text etc., such that the SUFCO MRP can be maintained in proper fashion according to the R645 coal rules.
- 2) If completion of the holes is unsuccessful, what has been bored will be reclaimed according to R645 guidelines.
- 3) All concerns from the USFS must be addressed, such that an endorsement from that Agency relative to this action is achieved.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Manti LaSal National Forest
Pete Hess