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RE: Borehole Change at Link Canyon Substation, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002

Dear Mr. Hess:

The Link Canyon Substation location has been moved up near the old Link Canyon Mine with a previous submittal dated November 23, 1999. Two boreholes have been drilled to the surface in this location. The one bore hole was drilled as planned and cased with 2" HPDE casing for a communication conduit into the SUFCO Mine. Back reaming of the second bore hole to 8" was tried twice unsuccessfully. In both cases the reaming tool and part of the drill string was lost in the hole 200 to 300 ft back from the surface. The reamed holes will be grouted with cement to seal the hole. The second borehole has been completed and cased with a 2" HPDE casing by side tracking around the reamers. Back reaming of the hole to a larger diameter has been abandoned after two tries, because we believe it is not technical feasible to accomplish given the 2,400 ft hole depth and near horizontal attitude of the hole.

The revised plan is to drill one additional borehole for a total of four instead of the three approved holes and case all four holes with 2" HPDE casing. The power circuit will then be feed through three of the 2" HPDE holes one phase plus a ground to each HPDE conduit. The fourth conduit will continue to be used for communication wires. Please approve this change in plans. The change is the best workable solution that we can come up with to supply power to the mine for the next longwall panel and future longwall panels in the Pines Lease. This change will not appreciably alter the configuration of the substation as submitted. This action will allow continued operations of the longwall at the SUFCO Mine.

Sincerely,  
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC  
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