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Attention: Ms. Dawn Howell

Re: Huerfanito Unit

San Juan County, New Mexico Fruitland Coal Participating Area

Ninth Expansion Effective 8/1/2006 W/2 Sec. 26-27N-9W Tenth Expansion Effective 3/1/2007 W/2 Sec. 27-27N-9W

Dear Ms. Howell:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 10, 2008 together with your application for approval of the Ninth and Tenth expansions to the Fruitland Coal participating area for the Huerfanito Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

The Bureau of Land Management approved the above referenced expansions by their letter of November 3, 2008.

The Commissioner of Public Lands concurs with the Bureau of Land Management and has this date approved the above-referenced Fruitland Coal participating area expansions.

Our approval is subject to like approval by the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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