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Ref: 8P-AR

Stanley J. Gordon
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Bonanza Power Plant
Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative
12500 East 25500 South
Vernal, UT 84078

Re: Application Completeness Determination,
Bonanza Power Plant

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for submitting your application for a 40 CFR Part 71 (Clean Air Act, Title V) Operating Permit for the Bonanza Power Plant, located in Uintah County, Utah, and on the Uintah Ouray Indian Reservation. Your application was received by the Environmental Protection Agency on March 21, 2000. This permitting action has been assigned to Michael Owens, and has been given permit number V-OU-0004-00.00.

Completeness Determination: Pursuant to 40 CFR §71.5, we have determined that the information submitted in the application is sufficient to process the requested operating permit. In addition, we have verified that your fee payment was properly received and credited. Therefore, this application is deemed complete today.

Application Shield: Since your permit application for the Bonanza Power Plant has been found complete, this facility is covered by a permit application shield, which allows you to continue operating the facility even though your Part 71 Operating Permit has not been issued. This permit shield is in effect from the date of completeness until the final permit is issued, provided you submit any requested information by the specified deadlines. (See 40 CFR §71.5(a)(2) and §71.7(b).)

Duty to Provide Additional Information: Please be advised that this Operating Permit application completeness determination does not constitute a thorough evaluation of the merits of the application. If we determine that additional information is necessary to evaluate the application or to take final action on the application, we may request such information in writing and set a reasonable deadline for a response (see 40 CFR §71.5(a)(2)).

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Duty to Correct/Update Application: If you find that you have omitted any relevant facts, or submitted incorrect information, you must promptly file corrections to your application with our office. In addition, if new regulations become applicable before we release the draft operating permit for this facility, you must provide additional information to us addressing the new applicable requirements. Please remember this completeness determination does not affect your obligation to obtain pre-construction permits for any new construction or modification activity which may be subject to 40 CFR 52.21 (Prevention of Significant Deterioration permitting) requirements. Furthermore, future changes at the facility, whether considered major or minor for construction permitting purposes, may necessitate updating your Part 71 Operating Permit Application.

If you have any questions concerning the completeness determination, the request for supplemental information, or the operating permit process, please contact your permit engineer, Michael Owens, at 303-312-6440. We look forward to working with you in developing your permit.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Long, Director
Air and Radiation Program

cc: Roland McCook, Chairman, Uintah & Ouray Business Committee, Ute Indian Tribe
Howard Vickers, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative