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April 30, 2008

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B) Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460-0001 NVIR. APPEALS BOARD

Dear Clerk of the Board:

The Utah State Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee (Committee) is keenly interested in issues of electric power generation and air quality in Utah. As we discuss these issues, we carefully consider economic impacts and health effects on our constituents. As co-chairs of the Committee, we wish to provide the following input to the Environmental Appeals Board as you consider EPA permit PSD-OU-0002-04.00, granted to Deseret Power Electric Cooperative on August 30, 2007.

On April 16, 2008 our Committee unanimously voted (15 - 0, with 5 members absent) to:

- support the position of the Utah Division of Air Quality that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acted properly in granting the final air pollution control permit for the construction of a 110-megawatt coal fire unit at the Bonanza Power Plant in Uintah County, Utah; and
- 2) oppose the regulation of CO₂ as a pollutant for purposes of the Bonanza Power Plant permit.

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We appreciate the opportunity to report the positions taken by our Committee and encourage your careful consideration of these positions.

Sincerely,

Sen. Darin G. Peterson Senate Chair

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, House Chair