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Land Quality Division of the Environmental Quality Department Herschler Building - 3rd Floor 122 West 25th Street Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: State Mining Permit 561 T-1

Permit Transfer TFN 2 1/54

## Gentlemen:

Through a public notice, the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming has notified interested parties of the Application by Energy Reserves, Inc. to transfer a mining permit #561 T-1 from Belco Petroleum Corporation.

Colorado Interstate Gas Company is the owner of an interstate pipeline which is affected by the proposed operations under this transfer. Colorado Interstate Gas Company has reviewed the Application and submits the enclosed Objection.

Colorado Interstate Gas Company wishes to participate in any public hearing or further discussion pertaining to the transfer of this mining permit. Please notice the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours. William Kielennt

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Enclosure





Land Quality Division Department of Environmental Quality State of Wyoming Carbon Basin Mine Mining Permit #561 T-1 Proposed Transfer from Belco Petroleum Corp. to Energy Reserves, Inc.

## OBJECTIONS OF COLORADO INTERSTATE GAS COMPANY TO PERMIT TRANSFER

Colorado Interstate Gas Company ("CIG") owns, operates and maintains approximately 1,500 miles of interstate pipeline in the State of Wyoming. These pipelines transmit natural gas in interstate commerce under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. CIG has reviewed the proposed transfer of mining permit #561 T-1 from Belco Petroleum Corp. to Energy Reserves, Inc. and files this objection.

The Application incorporates the Mine Plan prepared by Belco. According to the Mine Plan and CIG's own records, a haul road will cross three CIG interstate pipelines, a 22-inch main transmission line, a 24-inch main transmission line and a 36-inch main transmission line in Section 31, Township 21 North, Range 80 West. The Mine Plan indicates that 72 - 80 loaded trucks will transverse the haul road per day. The Mine Plan also states that the haul road will cross CIG's pipelines in a fill section. The Mine Plan contains no further detail. CIG files this Objection on the following grounds:

- The Application and the Mine Plan do not state the weight of loaded trucks; more particularly, the axle weight of the loaded trucks;
- 2. The Application and the Mine Plan do not address any protective measures that CIG believes are necessary to protect its pipelines; and
- 3. The Application and Mine Plan do not state that the transferree will bear the cost of any modifications necessary for its haul road to safely cross CIG's pipelines.

The Public Notice did not contain complete addresses for Energy Reserves, Inc. and Belco Petroleum Corporation, and CIG was, therefore, unable to provide a copy of its Objections directly to either party.

CIG wishes to be noticed of any public hearing or formal discussions related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

COLORADO INTERSTATE GAS COMPANY

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