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to Mr. Fulton 6/29/07pm.

June 27, 2007

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Office of Surface Mining
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-5733

Re: Informal Program Amendment Pertaining to Utah Code Annotated §40-10-10

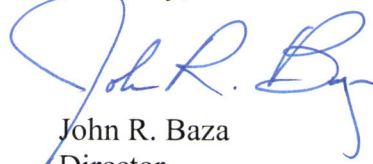
Dear Mr. Fulton:

The Division of Oil, Gas & Mining hereby submits an informal program amendment to the Office of Surface Mining in conjunction with modifications made to the state statute for Utah's Coal Regulatory Program. These modifications pertain to an amendment previously filed for the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP).

The division submitted a formal program amendment by letter dated October 22, 2002 relating principally to federal modifications of the SOAP provisions. S.B. 72 from the 2002 legislative session was attached to that letter. Your office identified concerns with two changes in that program amendment UT-042-FOR via a letter dated February 21, 2003. During Utah's 2006 legislative session, S.B. 46 was passed and signed by the Governor with language that addressed the two concerns of your office.

Enclosed are a side-by-side analysis of the changes to the statute as compared to the federal citation and the full text of S.B. 46. Please provide comments or questions to Steve Schneider at 801-538-5328 or steveschneider@utah.gov in order to enable our division to proceed with the filing of a formal program amendment on this matter.

Sincerely,



John R. Baza
Director

Enclosures
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