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to Mr. Fulton 9/4/07/pm.

August 31, 2007

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Office of Surface Mining
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Re: Formal Program Amendment Pertaining to Utah Code Annotated §40-10-10

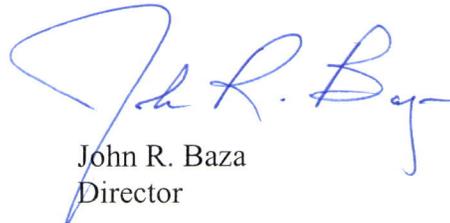
Dear Mr. Fulton:

In accordance with 30 CFR 732.17, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining hereby submits a formal 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). This program amendment was reviewed informally by your office per your letter dated July 9, 2007.

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. If there are any questions, please contact Steve Schneider at steveschneider@utah.gov or 801-538-5328.

Sincerely,



John R. Baza
Director

Enclosures