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Gentlemen:

Re: Braztah Corporation
Carbon County, Utah

At a meeting on March 22, 1979 in Salt Lake City, Utah, Braztah Corporation ("Braztah") and American Electric Power Service Corporation ("AEP") presented their preliminary thoughts regarding the amendment of the Braztah Mining Plan originally approved in April 1977, specifically with reference to the Braztah #3 and #5 Mines.

It is the purpose of this letter to again outline briefly some of our preliminary thoughts. Assuming the on-site inspection of the proposed sites by representatives of the United States Geological Survey ("USGS"), Office of Surface Mining ("OSM"), Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining currently scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on April 10, 1979 does not negate the siting of the proposed new facilities and that further engineering studies in fact support the proposed expansion of the #3 and #5 Mines, Braztah will formally file an application with OSM to amend its previously approved Mining Plan and apply for the necessary surface rights of way from the BLM.

As indicated at the March 22, 1979 meeting, Braztah/AEP believe that it is important to obtain at least approval in concept of the practicality of the proposed expansion and the time parameters to complete the permit process prior to expending substantial additional money on detailed engineering.

Again as indicated at the aforementioned meeting the Braztah #3 Mine has developed to the limited of its existing ventilation and transportation systems. A mine and ventilation plan has been designed to establish adequate ventilation and ease of access for men and materials into the #3 Mine for the remainder of the Subseam 3 reserve.

The plan involves two vertical shafts in Bear Canyon, portal facilities, an access road, a sewer line, a power line, and all necessary utilities to provide the necessary facilities for an ongoing mine.

The intake shaft will be used for intake air and access for men and materials. The intake shaft will be approximately 28' diameter and 1,200' deep. The shaft will be concrete lined for the entire depth of the shaft and will have the necessary surface facilities to hoist men and materials in and out of the #3 Mine. The intake shaft site will consist of the shaft, hoisting equipment, a bathhouse, a warehouse, a shop, parking area, material storage area, substation and power lines feeding the facilities.

The return shaft will be used for return air and will be approximately 28' in diameter and 1,200' deep. The shaft will be concrete lined for the entire depth of the shaft and will be equipped with a small inspection hoist. The surface facilities at the finished shaft will consist of a shaft enclosed by a fan and fan housing, a small hoist house and power lines feeding the return shaft site.

Power at 46,000 volts will be transmitted to the substation in Bear Canyon from the existing substation in Hardscrabble Canyon. This high power line will extend up Hardscrabble Canyon over the ridge and down into Bear Canyon approximately 9,000'.

A new road approximately 9,000' long will be constructed up Bear Canyon to provide access for men and materials.

New sewer and water lines will be constructed up Bear Canyon to service the new facilities. These two lines will extend approximately 10,000' from the existing Price River Water Improvement District ("PRWID") lines in Castle Gate to the new facilities at the top of Bear Canyon.

It is estimated that 55,000 yards of sandstone and siltstone will be extracted from the two shafts during construction. This shaft material will be placed in Bear Canyon forming enough flat surface area for the construction of new facilities.

It is assumed that the existing surface facilities in Hardscrabble Canyon, except the No. 3 Warehouse, will gradually be phased out as the Bear Canyon facilities become operational.

Mining equipment requiring major overhaul work will continue to be brought out of the #3 Mine via the existing portal.

Although conditions are not as severe in the Braztah #5 Mine, the Braztah #5 Mine has also developed to the limits of its existing ventilation system. A mine and ventilation plan has been designed to establish ventilation for the remainder of the 'D' seam reserve.

The plan involves two vertical ventilation shafts, two access roads and two power lines. The two shafts will be located in Sowbelly Canyon north of the existing #5 Mine portal and existing support facilities.

The intake shaft will be used for intake air and will be approximately 22' diameter and 1,050' deep. The shaft will be concrete lined for the entire depth of the shaft and will be equipped with a small inspection hoist. The surface facilities at the finished shaft location will consist of a chain link fence shaft enclosure and a small hoist house with a power line feeding the hoist.

The return shaft will be used for return air and will be approximately 22' diameter and 550' deep. The shaft will be concrete lined the entire depth of the shaft and will be equipped with a small inspection hoist. The surface facilities at the shaft will consist of a fan housing and fan, a small hoist house and power lines feeding the fan and the hoist.

Two power lines will be required. One power line approximately 3,000' long coming from the existing substation at the #5 Mine to the fan at the return shaft. This fan power source of 4160 volt will be a separate circuit, independent of any mine circuits. A second power line will be approximately 5,500' long and will come from the existing substation at the #5 Mine to a point near the inspection hoists at each of the two shafts. The 4160 volt feeder to the intake shaft location will be a separate power circuit, independent of any mine circuits.

Two access roads will be required to reach each shaft location. One access road to the return shaft will involve improving an existing road for a length of approximately 1,700'. The second access road to the intake shaft will involve constructing a new road approximately 5,000' in length.

It is now estimated that approximately 23,000 yards of sandstone and siltstone will be extracted from the new shafts during construction at the #5 Mine. This material will be placed at a site to be approved by the regulatory authorities in Sowbelly Canyon.

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Braztah/AEP appreciate the opportunity afforded them to present the concepts of our proposed expansion and the ability to physically walk the site with the representatives of the various governmental agencies from whom permits, consultation and/or rights of way must be obtained. With the cooperation of the governmental agencies, the proposed expansion can be accomplished in full compliance with all state and federal regulations and still within a time-frame which will allow for the necessary improvement of the ventilation in the #3 and #5 Mines, thereby assuring the health and safety of the Braztah work force.

Should you have any questions regarding the aforementioned plans, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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