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Mr. Darin R. Haddock
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RE: Request for Revision of Schedule for Submittals Pursuant to AMAX Coal Co.
Stipulation Under Docket No. 91-001

Dear Darin:

The purpose of this letter is to revise the submittal dates pursuant to your letter dated March 5, 1992. The Division's review of the Hardscrabble Canyon information which was submitted by AMAX on February 18 has taken longer than anticipated in the stipulation letter and in our March 2 telephone conversation. I received the Division's comment letter Monday, March 30, 1992 on the Hardscrabble Canyon. The Division's comment letter was needed before any engineering work on Castle Gate could begin.

Your March 5 letter set out a new submittal schedule based on AMAX's receipt of a comment letter on March 13. Your revised schedule shows April 15 as the submittal date for the Castle Gate Prep Plant Area. The letter from EarthFax Consulting Engineers states that they will need a minimum of three weeks to complete the work necessary for the Castle Gate area. Therefore, the April 15 date will be impossible to meet.

I am requesting the following submittal schedule based on a Division two-week review process:

May 1	Castle Gate Preparation Plant Area
June 15	Sowbelly Canyon
August 1	Remaining areas

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The Castle Gate Mine mid-term permit review is due to begin in July. I propose that this process of upgrading the Mining and Reclamation Plan and the review being done by the Division be considered the review required by regulation 645-303-211. The scrutiny given to the Mining and Reclamation Plan during this process to satisfy the Division Orders has all the elements of past mid-term reviews.



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March 30, 1992

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Dear Mr. Allison:

It is our understanding that you wish to have us complete analyses of the reclamation hydrology, retained slope stability, and proposed reclamation topography of the Castle Gate Mine Preparation Plant area by April 15, 1992. As you are aware, the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining (DOG M) has not yet officially responded to your prior submittal amending the Hardscrabble Canyon portion of the Castle Gate Mine permit. Since DOGM's response is considered important to the engineering effort, significant progress has not yet been made toward the April 15, 1992 goal.

Please be advised that the analyses for the Prep Plant area will take a minimum of three weeks to complete, once the above item is received. We are prepared to begin the necessary engineering design once you direct us to do so. We await your reply.

Sincerely,

William S. Hendrickson, P.E.
Civil Engineer