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State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Salt Lake City, UT 84116

ATTENTION: Cleon B. Feight

Dear Sir:

We respectfully request a hearing of our case on April 19th or 20th.

We do not know if any of our pre-existing structures are not in compliance with regulations.

We feel at this time that the only non-conforming facility we have is our coal hauling and mine access road. It is not only impossible to bring this road into compliance by May 3, 1978; it is impossible to reconstruct the road or construct a new conforming road by November 4, 1978.

A detailed engineering study would have to be done on an alternate route, rights of way obtained, conforming design made and clearance of the design obtained from any government agency that happened to control the surface through which the road passed.

At present, there is approximately 24" of snow on our operations, which will turn to several inches of mud, which makes studies of existing and proposed facilities very difficult until the middle of June.

Plateau Mining intends to comply with the regulations, but we feel that the time limits have been too short and the lack of O.S.M. funding has stalled any help that operations could have obtained in understanding what the regulations require.

We will come to the hearing prepared with plans for rectification of our existing coal hauling, mine access road and with plans for a new mine access road.

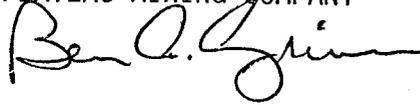
This new road we are planning to construct starting as soon as the snow melts from the area. It would be physically impossible to start construction before the snow melts because of the ruggedness of the terrain.

Part of this new road crosses B.L.M. land. We have submitted application for right-of-way to cross this portion of land.

Please notify us of our hearing date and time.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



Ben A. Grimes
Engineering Department



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