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RE: 2ND MAIN NORTH, SL-031286, STAR POINT NO. 2 MINE - CONFIRMATION  
OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MAY 18, 1982.

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

As you are aware, Plateau has encountered extremely difficult mining conditions while advancing northward toward the proposed break-out area in Seeley Canyon. We have now encountered oxidized coal and weak, highly fractured roof rock in entries 1 through 5 of 2nd Main North. In an effort to avoid these conditions, we discontinued three entries on the east side of the section and picked up three entries to the west with the objective of proceeding northward then eastward as originally planned. It has now become evident, however, that this "burned" zone, which ranges in thickness from 25 to 105 feet, is much more extensive than originally believed.

In view of these facts and in light of the fact that the ventilation break-outs are needed as quickly as possible, Plateau is now proposing to abandon the northward entries and pursue a more direct line to Seeley Canyon (refer to enclosed map.) By making this change in direction, the points of break-out (on the surface) will shift approximately 500 feet to the south-southwest. All five entries would break out in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 15 South, Range 7 East, Salt Lake Base and Meridian.

This is the same general area which was initially proposed by Plateau when it was pursuing a break-out from the Third Seam. The Environmental Assessment, which was prepared by the U.S. Forest Service and approved in

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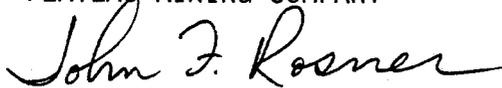
March, 1980, covered this 10-acre parcel. In addition, Plateau has conducted extensive Wildlife, Raptor, and Archeological Surveys in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, T. 15 S., R. 8 E., S.L. B. & M. which is adjacent (to the east) to the newly proposed break-out area.

Based on the amount of previous environmental study which has been performed in this area of Seeley Canyon, Plateau feels that this proposed change in break-out location will result in no unforeseen impacts to the environment. If this proposed change is approved, Plateau would, of course, satisfy all stipulations which have previously been attached to our Seeley Canyon break-out efforts.

It is our understanding that, with concurrence from other appropriate agencies, the Minerals Management Service can approve this proposal as a minor modification of our approved Mining and Reclamation Plan. In order to maintain production in the 2nd Main North Section your immediate attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Staff Engineer

Enclosures

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