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January 8, 1986

Mr. Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator
Plateau Mining Company
P. O. Drawer PMC
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

RE: Final Approval, MRP Amendment, Diversion Ditch Channel Lining Proposal, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, #3 and #4, Carbon County, Utah

The application for Mining and Reclamation Plan permit amendment plans submitted by Plateau Mining Company (PMC) on June 6, 1985 have been reviewed by the Division. This submittal addresses the downcut portion of Diversion Ditch #7E and PMC's request that this section be exempt from the channel lining requirements of UMC 817.45(iii)(e). The Division has verified the stable field condition of this diversion and finds the proposal acceptable. Final approval is hereby granted for an exemption from channel lining requirements.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Dave Wham of the technical staff.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

REVIEW CHRONOLOGY:

- A. Operator Submittal
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1. October 31, 1983
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2. June 6, 1985

- B. DOGM Responses
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- 1.
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2. December 17, 1985 (site visit)
-
3. January 8, 1986

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cc: Allen Klein
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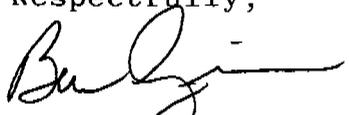
RE: PHONE CALL, May 28, 1985, DITCHES 6 AND 12

Dear Rick:

I have re-evaluated our request of October 25, 1983, and find that what I called ditch 12 is actually now called Ditch 7E. The condition of this ditch is the same as stated in the October 25, 1983 letter; it is stable though somewhat deep. Reconstructing it would mean disturbing a lot of well established vegetation, and would disturb existing topsoil.

Ditch 6 is in the same condition as it was in 1983; there is very little erosion. We are planning to reclaim this ditch this construction season, during reclamation efforts at the No. 1 Mine. We would, therefore, reaffirm our original request.

If you need additional information, don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Ben A. Grimes
Environmental Coordinator

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October 25, 1983

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Mr. Wayne Hedberg
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RE: Hydrology

Dear Wayne;

Two ditches which divert runoff water to Sediment Pond No. 5 were to be lined with riprap according to our approved plan.

Ditch No. 12 - Sections B and C: This ditch has been in existence for sixteen years and has stabilized itself. The material at the bottom of the ditch consists of sandstone boulders and mancos shale, which are effective protection from erosion. We would like to ask for an exemption from the approved plan based on the following reasons:

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1. Ditch is stable.
2. To fill in the ditch and reshape it would require a thirty foot swath to be cut through existing topsoil and vegetation.
3. The ditch flows to a sediment pond which prevents any sediment from leaving the permit area.
4. The lower two-thirds of the ditch will be covered by refuse as the refuse pile extends to the west.

We believe the best solution to the problem is to leave the ditch as it exists. Additional disturbance to fill it in would only create more sedimentation and disturbance to topsoil and vegetation.

Ditch No. 6 - Section A: This ditch follows a Class III road used for access by crawler tractors only two or three times a year.

We would like to ask for an exemption from the approved plan based on the following reasons:

1. The road will not be needed after the No. 1 Mine is closed. The mine will be mined-out and closed late in 1984, at which time the road would be reclaimed.
2. To construct the ditch according to the approved plan, we would have to widen the existing roadway by five feet to allow room for riprapped ditch and an access road. This would create additional disturbance to vegetation and topsoil.

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w/ stipulation
of reclamation
1985*

October 25, 1983

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3. There is only minor erosion in the bottom one-third of the ditch. The drainage area is 5 acres with the majority of the area contributing to the bottom one-third of the ditch.

We believe this ditch should be left as it exists and reclaimed when the No. 1 Mine is closed. Additional disturbance at this time would only create additional sedimentation, disturbance to topsoil and destruction of vegetation.

I discussed these ditches with Dave Lof a couple of weeks ago, and he suggested I write asking for these considerations.

If you have questions, please call. Please advise if you concur with our recommendations.

Best regards,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY


Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator

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cc: J Collins