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Mr. John Spiecha  
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Dear Mr. Spiecha:

RE: Permit Renewal, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, #2, Carbon  
County, Utah

The following will summarize a January 3, 1986 meeting in which the methodology and timing for the five year permit renewal of the Star Point Mines permit was discussed. Plateau was represented by Mr. Ben Grimes, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) by Tom Munson, John Whitehead and Lowell Braxton.

Routinely, Plateau would have been required to undergo a mid-term permit review by July 27, 1984. Mutual agreement between the DOGM and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) precluded a mid-term permit review at that time. DOGM's recommendation to OSM December 6, 1985 is that the next priority for the Star Point Mines permit process be the expedient conducting of the permit renewal process.

The permit renewal date for the Star Point Mines is January 27, 1987. Regulations allow 120 day review time for the DOGM to secure this approval. Since substantial changes are anticipated in the new permit, I envision that an earlier submission to DOGM will be mutually beneficial to DOGM and Plateau. In that regard, I would like to suggest an early July 1986 submission date.

The January 3, 1986 meeting discussed the advisability of modifying the existing permit to reference new property acquired by Plateau in conjunction with the renewal process. DOGM would recommend that if Plateau's operational needs for the newly acquired property will allow, the permit revision adding new property take place subsequent to permit

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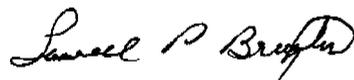
consolidation and renewal. This approach should facilitate permit renewal and will allow easy insertion of data relative to the newly acquired acreage into the renewed permit.

As part of the permit renewal process, DOGM asks that Plateau prepare the following materials for overview by DOGM:

1. A list of violation notices received by Plateau for the Star Point Mines for the period commencing three years prior to the renewal application date (as per UMC 782.14).
2. A narrative and quantitative analysis of data submitted to the Division during the present permit time including data for the following subjects: hydrology; subsidence; and, wildlife.
3. A current identification of interests as per UMC 782.13.
4. A draft of the proposed legal notice that will fulfill regulation UMC 782.2.

I would like to commend the interest that Mr. Grimes has shown in the permit renewal by this early contact with DOGM. Should either you or Mr. Grimes have questions regarding the mechanics of the renewal process, please contact the undersigned or Mr. John Whitehead of this office.

Sincerely,



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