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HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Ben Grimes
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Dear Mr. Grimes:

Re: Stipulation UMC 817.52-(3)-TM, Review of Weir Installation, Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Plateau's letter of August 14, 1987 noted in response to the above-noted stipulation that Plateau Mining Company (PMC) would install the weir on the North Fork of the Right Fork (NFRF) of Miller Creek in 1988 prior to the start of the first longwall panel in Section 18. This is unacceptable to the Division. It was intended that Plateau get at least one year of baseline data on NFRF of Miller Creek prior to mining. Therefore, it is imperative that PMC install the station and obtain some low flow data this year. To wait until 1988 for installation will effectively mean that flow data for most of the field season of 1988 will not be obtained as high spring flows will in all liklihood prevent installation until late June or July, 1988.

In addition, you indicated that the weir would be placed below the junction of the two tributary branches that form the NFRF of Miller Creek. Installation of the weir above this junction, on the left branch would provide more definitive flow data without the influence of the right branch. Please locate a suitable installation spot on the left branch.

The Division hereby grants extension of the time frame to comply with Stipulation UMC 817.52-(3)-(TM) until September 25, 1987. Please assure that the terms of the stipulation as set forth in the permit are met by this date.

Sincerely,

Lowell

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