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RE: Review of Stipulation Responses for UMC 771.19-(1,2)-(JJW) and UMC 782.15-1-(JJW), Plateau Mining Company, Starpoint Mines, ACT/007/006, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Background

On October 29, 1987, the Division received stipulation responses from Plateau Mining Company (PMC). The stipulations stem from the state permit issued August 7, 1987 for the Five-Year Renewal and New Lands addition at PMC's Starpoint Mine.

Analysis

Stipulation 771.19-(1)-(JJW) prohibited PMC from mining any federally leased coal contained in the New Lands parcels until the Department of the Interior mining plan modification is approved.

Plateau Mining Company's response notes that there are no plans to mine coal in any of the new lands tracts. Only a graben crossing (rock tunnel) is proposed for the portion of federal lease U-13097 added to the permit area. The federal mining plan modification has not been approved as of January 11, 1988. Thus the stipulation must remain in force although it has no operational impact on PMC.

No further response is needed from the operator on this stipulation.

Stipulation 771.19-(2)-(JW) dealt with a cultural resource site (42 E m2118) on the surface of the 160-acre parcel of federal coal lease U-13097 added to the permit area (T.14S, R. 7E, sections 11 and 14).

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(Stipulation 771.19-(2)-(JW) Cont'd.)

Given that PMC has no mining plans for this parcel except for a rock tunnel, State History issued a revised letter dated August 13, 1987, which negated any requirements for further testing to determine eligibility for listing of this site. No further action is required by PMC to address this stipulation.

Stipulation UMC 782.15-(1)-(JW) required PMC to secure requisite rights-of-way or permits from the BLM prior to any further surface disturbances being undertaken on BLM lands within the permit area. Plateau Mining Company's response to be added on page 782-23 commits to this and thus adequately addresses this stipulation.

Recommendation

Plateau Mining Company's response to stipulations UMC 771.19-(1) and (2) and UMC 782.15-(1) are adequate and should be approved.

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