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Bob Lauman, Manager
Technical Services
Cyprus-Plateau Mining Corporation
P. O. Drawer PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Lauman:

Your application for minor modification to your Stargoint Mine plan on Federal coal lease SL-031285 was received by the Price River Resource Area (PRRA) on June 6, 1989.

Plateau Mining proposes to change the current approved mine plan in the Third Bed by deleting the southern-most longwall panel planned south of 14th Left and reducing the length and width of the remaining two longwall panels. This action is necessitated due to the presence of a sandstone channel system which has scoured coal in this longwall district to the point where portions are not minable. This channel system has also isolated some limited reserves to the west. The sandstone channel system has been substantiated by the isopach map prepared from in-mine drill results which was submitted to PRRA along with the modification request.

Approval to delete the southern-most longwall panel and the reduction of length and width of the remaining two longwall panels is granted. The approved mine plan will be adjusted accordingly. This modification is granted subject to the following stipulations:

1. Longwall panel dimensions will be developed to the maximum extent possible within mining constraints induced by the channel system.

2. Development and recovery of coal reserves situated west of the channel system and east of the Bear Valley graben will first be attempted through 13th Left longwall headgate. If this is not possible due to MSHA restrictions or technical problems, BLM will be notified and other resource recovery plans will be formulated by Plateau and BLM.

The approval of this modification will result in a deletion of 250,000 tons of recoverable reserve base used to determine diligent development and continued operation for the Plateau logical mining unit.

It has been determined that this minor modification to the approved mine plan is necessary to allow maximum economic recovery of the coal resource.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Cundick, Price River Resource Area staff mining engineer at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Kenneth V. Rhea

District Manager

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