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Dear Mr. Smith:

one copy Gene Madine, Moab
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With this letter, Beaver Creek Coal Company hereby submits five copies (two copies - MMS; 3 copies - D.O.G.M.) of an application for exploration of greater than 250 tons. The application has been prepared per suggestion of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Office of Surface Mining and according to UMC 776.12.

The area of exploration is entirely within the Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine Permit to Mine Boundary and is adjacent to the No. 2 Mine workings. If the proposed exploration mine is successful, Beaver Creek plans to continue mining to the southeast in order to fulfill contractual obligations. Prior to continuation a modification to the Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine Permit to Mine will be made.

As discussed in the application, Beaver Creek plans to begin construction for the proposed exploration project in the early fall of 1983 (September). It is therefore imperative that Beaver Creek and D.O.G.M. maintain open lines of communication during the review of this application so that any delays can be avoided.

Beaver Creek Coal Company greatly appreciates D.O.G.M.'s cooperation during the preparation of this application and we hope that it will continue during it's review. If you or your staff have any questions or problems concerning this submittal, please do not hesitate to call us in Price so that Beaver Creek can quickly respond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Raymond

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Environmental/Permits Coordinator

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