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June 23, 1992

Mr. William R. Skaggs  
Blue Blaze Coal Company  
P.O. Box 784  
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Dear Mr. Skaggs:

Re: Stipulations for Permit, Blue Blaze Mine, Blue Blaze Coal Company, PRO/007/020, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Enclosed please find a copy of the stipulations prepared for the permit for the Blue Blaze Mine that was ready to be issued on May 29, 1992. However, this permit was not issued that date and has not been issued as of this date because the bond has not been posted. Irregardless of the bonding situation, these stipulations must be completely and adequately addressed in a timely manner.

Please prepare complete and adequate responses to these stipulations by July 31, 1992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig".

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Lowell P. Braxton

**Stipulations**  
**PRO/007/020**  
June 23, 1992

1. Stipulation (PGL)

The applicant is limited to mining only the non-federal coal within the permit area until a mining plan approval is obtained from the Secretary of Interior to mine Federal Coal Lease SL-063011.

2. Stipulation R645-301-231.300 (HS)

Prior to topsoil removal operations, the applicant must commit to excavating the A or E horizon for the Curecanti Family and Senchert Series in accordance with the profile descriptions located in the USDA/SCS Soil Survey for the Carbon Area, Utah.

Within 30 days of the completion of the initial phase of construction, the applicant must submit as-built surveys of the completed subsoil and topsoil stockpiles. Surveys must include the following information: volume of material, maximum and minimum elevations and slopes, cross sections, and all other pertinent dimensions.

Additionally, the applicant must amend the topsoil and subsoil mass balance table in accordance with the results of the above stockpile surveys.

3. Stipulation R645-301-233 (HS)

The applicant must commit to fulfilling the requirements of R645-301-233, in the event that the mass balance indicates a topsoil/subsoil deficiency.

4. Stipulation to R645-301-724.100 (TM)

The applicant must submit to the Division of Water Rights a Change Application for the point of diversion for any water right to be used. The applicant must also show Water Right 91-94 in Appendix 1 and indicate it on the Water Rights Map.

5. Stipulation to R645-301-728 (TM)

Mining of the Hiawatha seam will be contingent upon the collection of adequate baseline data from holes LMC 1, 2 and the additional in-mine hole designated as drill hole BBCC-3. The LMC holes will be redrilled in another location, so as to supplement existing data as referenced on page 7-17. All drilling proposals will obtain approvals from the Division of Water Rights and any other appropriate agencies.

Baseline water quality data must be collected for a period of two years. The data can be reviewed at the end of one year, if the applicant provides an updated PHC summarizing all data collected for the PHC at the end of one year. No water quality parameters will be dropped from the Division's water monitoring list until the applicant provides a summary of the data for Division review and a discussion justifying the rationale for elimination of any parameters. If any parameters are consistently below the detection limit and/or the Drinking Water Standards, then it is appropriate that this is summarized in the applicant's PHC.

An approval to mine the Hiawatha seam will be contingent on the submittal of the revised PHC, summarizing all water data collected to date specifically addressing the aquifers above, within, and below the Hiawatha seam.

6. Stipulation to R645-301-731.210 (TM)

The applicant must submit a plan specifically outlining new drill hole locations for LMC 1 and 2 and a commitment to complete these holes to the bottom of the base of the first saturated strata or the bottom of the Starpoint sandstone, whatever comes first.

7. Stipulation to R645-301-731.511 (TM)

The applicant must supply the necessary information regarding discharges into the underground mine satisfying the requirements of R645-301-731.511.1 through R645-301-731.511.4 before any water is discharged into the underground mine.

8. Stipulation to R645-301-731.600 (TM)

The applicant must submit the necessary information to obtain approval to conduct any activities within 100 feet of the Right Fork North Fork of Gordon Creek. A commitment to clearly mark all stream buffer zones on the ground must be made and the stream buffer zone must be identified on the appropriate map.

9. Stipulation R645-301-732 (HK)

The applicant must provide a plan to the Division for adequate sediment control measures prior to conducting any surface disturbance. This plan will include sediment control measures during the development stages of mining prior to any site disturbance. This plan must be done in order to meet the requirements for sediment control measures during the development phase of mining.

10. Stipulation R645-301-763.100 (HK)

The applicant must provide adequate designs for sediment control during all phases of reclamation. The applicant must submit a complete and technically adequate reclamation plan to the Division regarding the stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas prior to the removal of siltation structures. This must be done in order to meet the requirements for siltation structures during reclamation.