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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
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Dept. of Natural Resources
State of Utah
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 8, 1980, ARCO Coal Company submitted, for Beaver Creek Coal Company, a mining permit application for the Castle Valley Spur Coal Processing and Loadout Facility. The application was prepared and filed in accordance with Utah's then-proposed Permanent Regulatory Program Regulations. Subsequent submittals have been made as review of the application by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Office of Surface Mining has proceeded. On January 21, 1981, the State of Utah was granted approval of the proposed State Program by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. UMC 771.21 (a)(1) requires that within two (2) months following such approval, a permit application for coal mining activities must be filed with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

At a meeting at Beaver Creek Coal Company, Price, Utah, on February 19, 1981, personnel from both the DOG&M and the OSM conveyed to Atlantic Richfield Company personnel their desire to treat the application under review as a permanent program submittal and proceed with its review and issuance. This possibility was further discussed at a meeting in your offices on February 25, 1981. In light of these discussions, ARCO Coal Company and Beaver Creek Coal Company hereby request that the Castle Valley Spur Application (DOG&M Application No. ACT/007/022) be considered a properly filed Permanent Regulatory Program submittal as required under UMC 771.21 and that the submittal date be recorded as the date of receipt of this letter.

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If you see any problems with this procedure, please contact me immediately at (303) 575-7525.

Sincerely,



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