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February 11, 1982

Beaver Creek Coal Company
P.O. Box AU
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Dear Sirs:

In an attempt to finalize the approval for Beaver Creek to begin sinking inclines within the Huntington Canyon No 4 mine for access from the Blind Canyon coal bed to the underlying Hiawatha coal bed, I was contacted by Sally Kefer of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) and requested to confirm our approval of your proposed access and mining plan for the lower seam.

In our letter to the Utah State Coordinator, OSM, dated December 23, 1981, we gave our approval of Beaver Creek's proposed mining system as presented in the Huntington Canyon No. 4 mining permit application. This application included underground access from the Blind Canyon to the Hiawatha coal bed and a plan to develop the Hiawatha coal bed as well as the remaining reserves in the Blind Canyon coal bed.

On November 16, 1981, Beaver Creek visited our office and presented a modification of the plan submitted in the earlier permit application. This proposal was clarified by additional information received on November 19, 1981.

We have reviewed the plan submitted with your letter of November 16, 1981. This plan includes access to the lower Hiawatha coal bed by underground rock slopes from the existing works in the overlying Blind Canyon and a proposal to develop the Hiawatha coal reserves and the remaining reserves in the Blind Canyon coal bed in this area. The new proposal is a modification of the plan approved by our office in the permit application. In our opinion, the new proposal provides a more economical and reasonable access and mining system. Accordingly, we hereby approve the proposal dated November 16, 1981. The approval is subject to the same conditions of our December 23, 1981, approval of the initial plan as listed in our letter to the Utah State Coordinator, OSM.

It is my understanding that the requirement of stipulation No. 4 of OSM's January 30, 1981, initial mine approval is being satisfactorily resolved by OSM and DOGM.

Please notify our office when work begins on the rock inclines.

Sincerely yours,

Jackson W. Moffitt
District Mining Supervisor

cc: Denver
DOGM-Sally Kefer