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Re: Request for Waiver, Permit Fees, Southwest Stone, Long Gulch II - S/017/039, Three Mile #1 - S/025/013, Stonehedge - S/025/017, Low Down #1 - S/025/019, Millcreek 1, 2 & 3 - S/053/051, Garfield, Kane, and Washington Counties, Utah

Dear Mr. Dettamanti:

Thank you for your recent letter, received July 18, 1999, regarding a request for a waiver to suspend payment of your annual permit fees on the above referenced small mining operations. It is our understanding that the BLM has "forfeited" your 3 main mining claims within the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument because you missed the filing deadline for your federal "small miner waiver". You state in your letter that these 3 claims comprised about 70% of your business transactions. I am truly sorry to hear of the unfortunate circumstances that have caused you to loose your mining claims. I hope that you prevail in your attempts to relocate your mining claims and reactivate your quarrying operations.

I have looked through the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and our Minerals rules regarding payment of the annual permitting fees. Unfortunately, I could not locate any provisions which allowed a variance or waiver to the annual payment of permit fees. Therefore, in order to keep your small mine permits and correspondence files active you will need to file the appropriate fees as originally billed for each small mine site. If payment cannot be made, then total reclamation of the mine sites and closure of the associated mine files would be required.

Knowing that full payment for all five (5) small mine sites may be difficult if not impossible for you at this time, I have sought management concurrence to allow a payment plan because of the unique circumstances of your operations. The following payment scenario is proposed (others may also be considered):

5 small mine sites at $100/site = $500.
4 quarterly payments of $125 = $500.
Suggested payments to be received on:

- August 20, 1999
- November 20, 1999
- February 20, 2000
- May 20, 2000

I hope that this proposal will allow you to meet your obligations and continue to stay in compliance with the requirements of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Please contact me at (801) 538-5286 if I can answer any questions you may have in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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for Permit Supervisor
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