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April 17, 1998

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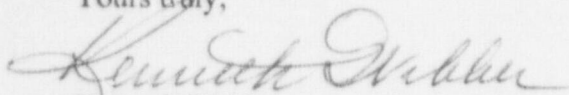
Re: Shootaring Canyon Mill, License No. SUA-1371, Docket No. 40-8698  
Annual Update of the Surety Amount.

Dear Mr. Holonich:

This is the Annual Update to the surety required by 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criteria 9 & 10. Attached is a confirmation as of February 28, 1998, in the account name of Plateau NRC Surety from the First Interstate Bank of Gillette, Wyoming. This shows a total balance in the NRC Surety account of \$7,168,832 to cover the decommissioning and reclamation of the Shootaring Canyon facility. These funds are adequate to cover the estimated costs of reclamation and decommissioning as of this date.

Plateau Resources Ltd. proposes no increase to the reclamation amount of \$6,784,159 which is reflected in the revised analysis which was submitted with the Decommission and Reclamation Plan dated December 18, 1996. The Reclamation Plan is presently under review by the NRC and as a result, no adjustment to the surety amount based on the Consumer Price Index was included.

Yours truly,

  
Kenneth Webber  
Environmental Coordinator

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cc: William J. Sinclair, Director  
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April 2, 1998

Robert Scott Lorimer, CFO  
U.S. Energy/Crested Corp.  
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REF: Plateau NRC Surety - #53-7103

Dear Scott:

The following is a recap of the assets held in the NRC Surety account:

	Market Value
Fed. U.S. Treasury Obligations	37,650.25
1,000,000 U.S. T-Bill 4/30/98	995,700.07
4,181,000 U.S. T-Bill 10/15/98	4,063,973.98
1,001,000 U.S. T-Note 10/31/98 5.875%	1,002,564.06
1,060,000 U.S. T-Note 4/30/99 6.375%	<u>1,068,943.75</u>
	<u>\$7,168,832.12</u>

Please give me a call if you have any questions. The quarterly statements are due out shortly and these will be forwarded probably within the next week. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

James A. Dykes  
Vice President &  
Trust Officer