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Mr. Jim Smith
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Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Re: Preconstruction Meeting with Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, and Office of Surface Mining, on Price River Coal Company's Crandall Canyon Facilities

Dear Sirs:

We understand that authorization to proceed with the work outlined below does not imply tacit regulatory authority approval of the total facilities planned, and that such approval will be granted only upon submission and regulatory authority approval of detailed site engineering and reclamation plans.

It is our understanding that we will be granted authorization to proceed with the following work:

1. Grade access road to Class III specs.
2. Remove and stockpile topsoil from the shaft construction site.
3. Prepare site for shaft contractor's equipment.
4. Initiate shaft construction.

It is also our understanding that this authorization will be granted (orally or in writing) by October 1, 1980, contingent upon Price River Coal Company's submittal of the following information:

1. Quantity of topsoil to be removed.
2. Location and size of topsoil storage area.



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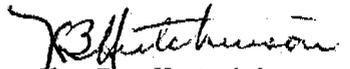
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3. Seed mixture to be used on stockpiled topsoil.
4. Mulch type and quantity.
5. Soil tests and amendments.
6. Vegetation information in the construction area.

Items 1 through 4 are attached. Item 5 will be done during removal of topsoil. Item 6 will be provided as soon as Harner & White complete the study. Such a study was authorized by Price River Coal Company as of September 18, 1980, to determine the species composition/diversity of the floral communities in the construction area.

Very truly yours,

PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY


K. B. Hutchinson
Chief Engineer

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Attachments

cc: J. Nadolski - OSM
R. Daniels - DOGM
J. Davidson - AEP, Lancaster
G. Cook - PRCC

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Item 1. Quantity of Topsoil to be Removed

Planimetered at 9.7 sq. in., say 10 in.².

Map scale - 1" = 50', f = 50 x 50 = 2,500

10 x 2,500 = 25,000 sq. ft.

25,000 ÷ 43560 = 0.58 Acres disturbed area

Item 2. Location and Size of Topsoil Storage Area

See attached map for location of stockpile.

25,000 sq. ft. x 1/2 = 12,500 cu.ft.

Say, 5' high for stockpile, thus $\frac{12,500}{5} = 2,500 = 50$

Stockpile = 50' x 50' x 5' = + 0.06 Acres

A berm will be constructed around the pile, and any run-off from the pile will be directed to a temporary sediment pond.

Item 3. Seed Mixture to be Used on Stockpiled Topsoil

Topsoil stockpile will be seeded with barley on a temporary basis. The R.A. has been asked to approve a plan to place the topsoil under the blacktop for storage during the 30 years or so before reclamation of the site - if this is not approved, the pile will be re-seeded with a permanent mixture as designated by the R.A. Barley will be seeded at a rate of 30#/acre pure live seed - 30# x 0.58 ÷ 0.8 = 21.8, say 25# seed.

Item 4. Mulch Type and Quantity

Mulch of hay or straw will be applied by hand at a rate of 1-1/2 ton/acre. 3,000 x 0.58 = + 35 bales. Track in with tractor or disc.

Item 5. Soil Tests and Amendments

During removal operations, the soil will be analyzed for determination of lime, fertilizer, or other soil

amendment requirements. These amendments will be applied in accordance with the soil tests, before seeding. Test results will be sent to the R.A. upon receipt from the laboratory.

Item 6. Vegetation Information in the Construction Area

Mr. R. Harner of Harner & White was given authorization to proceed with a determination of the species composition/diversity of the floral communities on September 18, 1980. As soon as his report is received, it will be forwarded to the R.A.

K. B. Hutchinson
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