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Mr. Joseph L. Reynolds, III
Price River Coal Company
P.O. Box 629
Helper, Utah 84526

Re: ACT/007/004
Braztah Complex

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

It is duly noted that a change of operator has occurred for the above named mine. The new operator as per your December 14, 1979 letter is Price River Coal Company.

As you know, reclamation responsibility under the 1975 Mined Land Reclamation Act now lies with the Franklin Real Estate Corporation per that Company's Contract with the Board of July 20, 1977. Also, the Contract and reclamation plan will change when the Company eventually files under the State's permanent program regulations.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND RECLAMATION

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cc: Lee McKlosky, AEP

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December 14, 1979

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ronald W. Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Federal Mine Identification Numbers
42-01517; 42-00165; 42-01202;
42-01269; 42-00096; 42-01276
Utah Mine Permit No. ACT/007/004

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This letter shall serve as notice to the Department of Natural Resources-Division of Oil, Gas & Mining of a change in the Operator of the mines and preparation plant located in Carbon County identified by the above-captioned Federal Mine Identification Numbers and of a change in the Operator under the above-captioned Utah Mine Permit from Braztah Corporation to Price River Coal Company, Inc., effective December 1, 1979.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 41.12, formal Change Notice forms have been submitted to MSHA.

Very truly yours,



Joseph L. Reynolds, III
Legal Counsel

JLR/kn

cc: Gordon Cook, Vice President
Price River Coal Company, Inc.

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Name to

Price River
Coal Co.

Braztah No 3, 5

Owner takes over control

By TONY ARNASON
Editor

CASTLE GATE — Since Saturday the operation of the two mines and related facilities here has been transferred from Braztah Corporation to the American Electric Power (AEP) System.

Director Quentin F. Stultz of AEP public relations said that the operation here will now be managed by corporate subsidiary, The Price River Coal Company.

Also Braztah mines number three and five have been renamed to Price River number three and number five mines.

It will take some time to evaluate the operation to see if any other changes are necessary, Stultz said.

The corporate transition was made, Stultz said, "Because we feel we can do a better job of operating than dealing through a third party."

AEP owns the coal reserves here and for the last three years, has contracted Braztah Corporation to operate the two mines and loading facility.

Braztah Corporation is a division of McCulloch Oil Corporation operating out of Los Angeles.

Stultz said the only personnel being changed in the transition is mining superintendent Dennis White of Braztah.

He has been replaced by Gordon Cook, who was elected vice president general manager of the newly created Price River Coal Company.

AEP is one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric utilities, serving a total of nearly

two million customers in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Some one million tons of Castle Gate's coal is shipped to AEP's subsidiary power plant near Aurora, Ind.

This plant's usage of Castle Gate coal accounts for about one-tenth of Utah's total coal production.

AEP is also one of the nation's 12 largest coal producers, operating some 22 deep mines and 11 surface mines, with an annual production capability of nearly 14 million tons, Cook said.

The system is the nation's largest user of coal. They burn more than 46 million tons annually in 13 coal-fired generating plants.

The Price River Coal Company employs some 533 persons, with an annual production capability exceeding one million tons.

General Manager Cook, had been general superintendent of another AEP mining affiliate, the Southern Ohio Coal Company's Martinka Division at Fairmont, W.Va.

Cook has 25 years of experience in mine management and mine consulting work.

A engineering graduate of the University of Sheffield, he assumed his first management post with the New Langley Colliery in England in 1954.

After working on the Great Britain National Coal Board until 1968, he became manager of a mining complex in Alberta, Canada.

From 1970 to 1977, he had been a consulting engineer.

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