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Mr. Wallace Mathis
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Ms. Dora Dean Mathis
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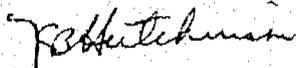
Dear Mr. Mathis, Ms. Jewkes, and Ms. Mathis:

Under the Strip Mine Conservation and Reclamation Act of 1977 ("SMCRA"), Price River Coal Company ("Price River") was required to file a Mining and Reclamation Plan ("Plan") for all coal lands under its control. As you are aware, the coal beneath your property is not leased to Price River and, accordingly, the Mathis coal lands were not included in the Plan.

Your letter to the Utah Department of Oil, Gas and Mining ("DOGM") and the Office of Surface Mining ("OSM"), stating that you have been aggrieved by the filing of the Plan and seek an informal hearing, has been referred to me by DOGM and OSM for response.

As Price River complied with the applicable laws and regulations in including in its Plan only coal lands controlled by Price River, I am unable to determine how you have become aggrieved and would therefore appreciate your specifying in what manner you allege to have been aggrieved by the filing of said Plan.

Very truly yours,



K. B. Hutchinson
Chief Engineer

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