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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is in response to your December 17, 1981 request concerning the "determination of completeness" of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for Price River's Crandall Canyon Modification. We concur with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's decision that the MRP for the Crandall Canyon Modification is apparently complete. This concurrence is given with the understanding that at the time when the Price River Complex MRP completeness determination is made, the Crandall Canyon Modification will be included in the newspaper publications and agency notifications required under UMC 786.11(a) and (b). In addition, the Office of Surface Mining will review the Crandall Canyon Modification technical analysis in conjunction with our review of the Price River Complex technical analysis.

If there are any questions, please call the technical project officer, John Montgomery, at (303) 837-3773.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dawes  
Acting Administrator  
Western Technical Center

cc: Thomas Tetting, Utah DOGM



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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to the February 19, 1982 registered letter from Thomas Tetting of your staff addressed to Mr. Robert Wiley of the Price River Coal Company, and copied to the Office of Surface Mining. Mr. Tetting's letter grants conditional approval for the Crandall Canyon modification mining and reclamation plan based upon acceptance and implementation of seventeen separate stipulations herewith attached.

Since the Crandall Canyon Modification involves Federally owned coal presently permitted under 30 CFR 211 regulations, it is an action falling under the purview of the Federal Lands Program. We have reviewed our records and have found no indication of OSM approval for the action referenced in Mr. Tetting's February 19, 1982 letter to the applicant. (A summary of events relating to this proposed action is attached.) Our most recent communication, that of January 15, 1982, only provided concurrence with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that the Crandall Canyon Modification mining and reclamation plan is apparently complete.

Since the processing of this application is now well along, i.e., the Technical Analysis has been prepared by the State, it may be possible for this office to schedule an early review and to process the proposed action as a major modification to the 211 permit. If OSM concurs with the State's analysis such that approval can be recommended, the application for a major modification would then be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary. In the meantime, however, the Price River Coal Company does not have authority to conduct operations other than under the existing approved conditions (30 CFR 741.11).

We therefore respectfully request your office rescind the February 19, 1982 conditional approval for the Crandall Canyon Modification.

Sincerely,

*Richard E. Dawes*

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Attachments

cc: Dean Hunt

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