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June 17, 1982

Mr. John Montgomery
Office of Surface Mining
Brooks Towers
1020 Fifteenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Timely Responses
of Coal Operations
Price River Coal Company
ACT/007/005/4

Dear John:

Please comment on the enclosed copy of a recent letter from Price River Coal Company's linguistic bard, Robert Wiley.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Young

for THOMAS N. TETTING
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

Enclosure

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PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY

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June 13, 1982

Mr. Tom Tetting, PRCC Lead Review
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Extension of time for Price River Coal
Company's Response to O.S.M. ACR.

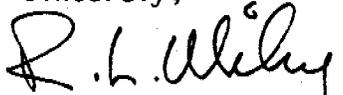
Dear Mr. Tetting:

When we were consulted in April of this year, by your office about projecting a maximum response time to a "sight unseen" OSM ACR of our MRP, we were advised that there was nothing of extreme concern. We were told that it would be most convenient if we could provide written response within 30 days or by June 30, 1982. We assured that we could try and subsequently received an edict casting this date in stone. Upon review of the ACR, Price River Coal Company advised all parties (OSM and DOGM) that some clarification was in order and that the detailed information required in the ACR could be very time consuming. During a joint OSM/DOGM/PRCC meeting, PRCC suggested that the schedule be more flexible based on forthcoming OSM interpretations of the year old ACR document. This suggestion seemed to be received with favor but OSM opted (the next day; May 20, 1982) to decline interpretation of the ACR in favor of DOGM primacy. It was clear in the May 19, 1982, meeting that your office understood the OSM ACR just about as well as we at PRCC!

So we muddle along as best we can. We appreciate your help, as limited as it can be expected to be. We are proceeding at our most rapid pace and will not be unduly rushed. The document, with which we are dealing (our MRP), is viewed by us as a contract and must be thoroughly reviewed prior to final endorsement.

We will make every effort to provide complete response by August 9, 1982. I hope this is not to inconvenient.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Wiley
Environmental Engineer

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