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Mr. James Smith
Director of Mined Land Development
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter concerns the Price River Coal Company (PRCC) coal refuse pile and the meeting addressing this issue held on September 23, 1983 at UDOGM. It is our understanding that PRCC will stabilize the refuse pile along its north end as soon as possible to avoid potential slippage of the pile into the Price River during periods of inclement weather or high river water levels. Stabilization of the pile will require that some of the coal be relocated to allow for placement of riprap and other protective pressures. PRCC will not sell or otherwise transfer ownership of coal from the refuse pile until the pile is permitted for surface coal mining activities. PRCC must decide whether to apply for a permit to mine the refuse pile as a separate surface coal mining operation through UDOGM or to incorporate the operation into the permit application package presently under review by OSM.

OSM does not consider stabilization of the coal refuse pile a surface mining activity. Should PRCC decide to incorporate the refuse pile as part of their existing mine plan, OSM would become the lead permitting agency and would meet with PRCC and UDOGM to discuss permitting requirements.

Should you have any questions concerning the permitting of the coal refuse pile at PRCC, please call either Dave Maxwell or Walter Swain at (303) 837-3807.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Dawes
for Allen D. Klein
Administrator
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