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DIVISION OF
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Mr. Bennet H. Young, Project Leader
Mine Plan Review Branch
Brooks Towers, 1020 15th Street
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Meeting held in your offices on 3-24-83 concerning permit area, permit term and rights of successive renewal

Dear Mr. Young:

I would like to try to restate the interpretations provided by your office during the 3-24-83 meeting so as to establish a definite direction for further submittal of permitting information. I was given to understand that the following statements represent the operative interpretation of the permitting procedures and requirements:

1. The mine plan or mineral extraction plan will be reviewed by the BLM for the entire area covered by or related to federal leases. BLM would address the adequacy of recovery and technological feasibility and provide their findings to OSM.
2. OSM would review the mining and reclamation plan and issue a permit for both surface and underground operation.
3. The permit would include only areas for which "full and complete" information exists.
 - A. Full and complete information is that quantity of data which allows OSM to evaluate all environmental impacts.
 - B. No SMCRA permit could be obtained for any area on a conceptual basis.
 - C. The horizontal and vertical extent of the permit in relation to underground mining would be defined by the accessible coal reserve from an approvable (full and complete) surface facility without need for the opening of a new facility for which details are not yet available.
4. The term of the permit or the frequency of the review period would be five years with a right of successive renewal for a period defined by the time needed to extract the coal through a facility for which complete information exists.
 - A. "Facility" means all surface activities including access for men and materials, utilities, coal transport (hauling and belt lines), processing and refuse disposal.

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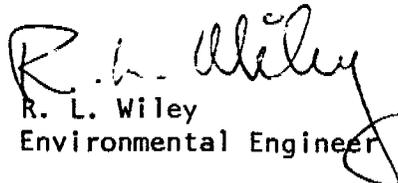
5. Certain sites or activities outside of the permit area and not directly related to permitted mining would be recognized as part of the permit area, i.e. existing access roads, continued ventilation of inactive mines; keeping the options for future re-development open.
6. New sites and associated mining reserves would be addressed as new permit applications and when fully approved, incorporated into the existing permit.

Should any of the foregoing statements not accurately represent the messages conveyed by members of the OSM permitting staff during the 3-24-83 meeting, please clarify the current permitting policy, in writing, as soon as possible. Time is short and we do not wish to delay the permitting process. If within two weeks of your receipt of this letter we do not receive notification we will assume that we have a full understanding of your present requirements and proceed to assemble the necessary information to define the permit area and permit term.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in these very complex matters.

Very truly yours,

PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY


R. L. Wiley
Environmental Engineer

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Document Information Form

Mine Number: C/007/004

File Name: Incoming - Castle Gate

To: Bennet H. Young

From:

Person R.L. Wiley

Company Price River Coal Co.

Date Received: 4-8-83

Explanation: Slope Stability Analysis on coal Refuse Pile at Castle Gate Preparation plant Price River Coal Co. (with Maps)

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