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Mr. Allen Klein  
Office of Surface Mining  
Brooks Towers  
1020 15th Street  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Permit Terms Longer than  
Five Years  
Price River Coal Co. Complex  
ACT/007/004  
Folder No. 6  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Klein:

A member of your staff has asked the question of this Division relative to coal mining and reclamation permit terms longer than five years.

It is the position of this Division that all permits issued pursuant to 40-10-1 et. seq. shall be issued for a term not to exceed five years; but if the applicant demonstrates that a specified longer term is reasonably needed to allow the applicant to obtain necessary financing for equipment and the opening of the operation, and if the application is full and complete for the longer term, the Division may grant a permit for a longer term. A longer term could include a permit for the life of the mine.

Please contact me if you have any questions on this position.

Sincerely,

for  
RONALD W. DANIELS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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cc: Jim Smith, DOGM  
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