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CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Re: CLARIFICATION OF REVEGETATION PLANS; INFORMATION REQUESTED DURING
THE 1-20-84 DENVER MEETING

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

The following items were discussed during the 1-20-84 Denver meeting in your offices. Price River Coal Company provides the following responses:

1. Explain disturbed area acreage differences indicated on page 484 vs. bonding acreages.

The acreages indicated in the bonding section are the actual surveyed figures. Disturbed area figures shown on page 482 vary due to planimeter measurement inaccuracy on small scale aerial photographs by our vegetative sampling consultant. The figures on page 482 are only estimates.

2. Describe erosion controlling contemporaneous reclamation measures.

This type of information has been placed generally under sediment control measures and can be found at the following MRP locations:

Crandall Canyon: p. 299

Castle Gate: p. 149, also see drainage control upgrading plan submitted 12-7-82

Hardscrabble Canyon: pp. 134 - 137

Sowbelly Canyon: pp. 118 - 120

Gravel Canyon: p. 6, Appendix 8A

General: p. 411, p. 449

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3. Prioritize seeding and planting mixes with respect to proposed plant community to be re-established by reclamation.

See attached prioritization schedule. This list is to be used in conjunction with the modified seed lists (attached), the other seed and planting lists in Chapter IX and revised "final reclamation configuration" maps for all sites (also attached).

4. Provide summary sheets for the vegetation resources analysis.

We have included a copy of the entire computer printout. Please return it to us C.O.D. when you are finished.

5. Provide a plan for reclamation of riparian areas.

A plan for reclamation of riparian areas can be drawn from existing plans. Techniques will not vary from those proposed on other areas with two exceptions.

- 1) Seed/planting mixes. Species suited to riparian areas will be utilized (see attached planting priority lists and revised reclamation configuration maps).
- 2) Some designated riparian areas are to be riprapped somewhat limiting planting and seeding. Channel bottoms, in ephemeral streams, which are not targeted for riprap will be seeded. Some planting will be done in random locations and protected by water bars (Crandall only).

Areas proximate to the Price River at Castle Gate, not normally receiving surface flow, will be seeded throughout and planted in clumps, as proposed elsewhere.

Please be aware that areas shown on revised "final reclamation configuration" maps as "probable re-established plant community pattern" are estimates and not exact, immutable areas. The species designated in PRCC's reclamation plans will be used in situations providing the highest chance for survival.

We hope the foregoing information finally satisfies all OSM concerns relating to reclamation or revegetation. Contact me if additional clarification is needed.

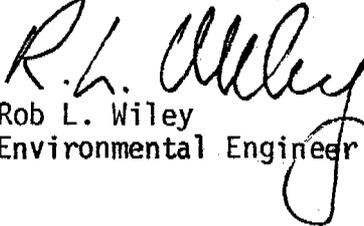
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Vegetation Data Report for Price River Coal Company's Mine Area, Helper, Utah; Appendix C
2. Site/Species Prioritization
3. Revised map Exhibits 3.2-3, 3.3-3, 3.4-3, 3.6-3, 3.7-9
4. Revised Seeding and Planting Lists

Very truly yours,

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