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Mr. Robert L. Wiley  
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Dear Mr. Wiley:

RE: Approval Goose Island, Reclamation Plan, Price River Complex,  
ACT/007/004, Folder No. 2, 3 and 4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Price River Coal Company's (PRCC) April 24, 1984 submission regarding the reclamation of Goose Island, and responses to the deficiencies identified in the Division's letter of August 31, 1984.

The Division hereby approves the reclamation plan for the Goose Island area and PRCC may now proceed with reclamation construction.

OSM concerns regarding the Goose Island reclamation plan have been addressed and resolved by PRCC through the Division as identified below:

1. OSM indicated that a minimum of 18 inches of cover was required over the refuse in order to obtain approval.

PRCC's proposal contains a commitment for 18 to 24 inches of cover material, consisting of 12 to 18 inches of rockwaste substitute soil material plus 6 inches of topsoil.

2. OSM indicated that PRCC would have to provide a post reclamation contour map of the Goose Island area as part of the AOC requirements of the plan.

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PRCC's proposal includes detailed contours of the Goose Island area. The PAP (Exhibit 3.3-3) contains a post reclamation contour for Hardscrabble Canyon which includes the Goose Island area. Under UMC 784.13(b)(3) ... "a plan for backfilling, soil stabilization, compacting and grading, with contour maps or cross sections that show the final surface configuration of the proposed permit area, in accordance with UMC 817.101-106", is required. Therefore, no additional contour maps are required since adequate cross-sections have been provided and PRCC is consistent with requirements of the regulations.

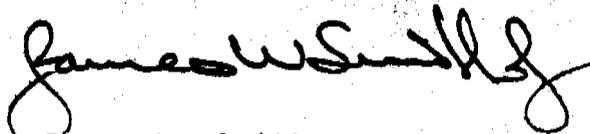
3. DSM indicated that convex slopes had not been addressed in the proposal.

The Division required that all refuse slopes be reduced to a maximum of 2h:1v and PRCC has committed to this request. Consequently, with reduced slopes, this is no longer considered to be a convex slope problem.

Please forward to DSM, all copies of any PRCC correspondence or submittals made to DOGM concerning the Goose Island area for their files.

Thank you for your cooperation in finalizing this matter. Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



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