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Mr. Scott Nordness
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ACT/007/023

RE: Raptor Protection on Power Lines

Dear Mr. Nordness:

Pursuant to the policy on raptor protection that was sent to your company on February 26, 1982, it has become apparent that additional clarification is needed.

Should you elect to follow Option 1 and modify all existing poles, plans indicating how the poles will be modified need to be submitted to the Division in time to allow for review and approval and still leave sufficient time for implementation within the 180-day time frame.

Should you elect to follow Option 2, it will be necessary for you to contact the Division to arrange for the survey to be done. The U. S. Fish & Wildlife Serivce (USFWS) has indicated it will initiate a survey of the power lines on minesites (as per the February 26, 1982, letter) only when such requests come from the Division. Therefore, it becomes necessary that you request (in writing) that the Division contact the USFWS for consultation on raptor protection for power lines within your permit area. It is further requested that you contact the Division by April 30, 1982, to allow sufficient time to arrange and conduct the surveys and obtain the results within the 180-day time frame.

Should you need additional clarification, please don't hesitate to call Lynn Kunzler or Susan Linner of my staff.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
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cc: Richard Dawes, OSM
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