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# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Ingrid Campbell, Team Lead *IC*

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RE: Change of Ownership and Control, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #3711

**SUMMARY:**

On December 14, 2010, the Division received an application to update the Ownership and Control information for West Ridge Resources, Inc. and the West Ridge Mine. This submittal addresses deficiencies that were previously identified in the October 14, 2010 submittal (Task ID #3658).

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

**GENERAL CONTENTS**

**IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

**Analysis:**

The Chapter 1 volume contains ownership and control information for West Ridge Resources, Inc. West Ridge Resources, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Andalex Resources, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of UtahAmerican Energy Inc., which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Murray Energy Corporation. West Ridge Resources, Inc. is a Utah corporation licensed to do business in Utah. West Ridge Resources, Inc. is the Permittee and the operator for the West Ridge Mine.

As of September 29, 2010, IPA is no longer a tenant in common of the West Ridge Project. Intermountain Power Agency conveyed all of its interests regarding the West Ridge Mine to Andalex Resources, Inc.

**Findings:**

Some of the information that was submitted still does not match the information found in the OSM/AVS database.

The following deficiencies must be addressed in accordance with **R645-301-112.330**:

**Murray Energy Holdings Co.**

1. The AVS database shows **Robert D. Moore, President** with a Begin Date of 4/23/07. This information is not in the submittal. Rather the submittal lists **Robert E. Murray as President and CEO**. According to AVS, **Robert E. Murray ended as President and CEO on 11/29/05**. *Please address this discrepancy in the submittal by showing the proper End Date for Robert E. Murray, President and CEO. Also, please show Robert D. Moore as President with a Begin Date of 4/23/07.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The application should not be approved until the above-listed corrections have been made.