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Re: Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Southwest Longwall
Block Off 5th Left Mains, Trail Mountain Mine

Dear Mr. Kochevar:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a number of mine plan changes regarding the subject area where minable longwall coal was delineated during development. These changes occurred over an extended period of time and were given verbal approvals based on the conditions witnessed at the mine. This letter is to finalize these approvals and document the final panel configuration for the west longwall block at the Trail Mountain Mine. These changes to the R2P2 are located on Federal coal lease U-64375.

As mining development proceeded south with the 5th Left Mains, the conditions of the Hiawatha seam were noted and mine layouts finalized. Longwall development began with the mining of the 8th, 9th, 7th, and 10th Right gateroad entries. The 9th Right and the 7th Right longwall panels were extracted. Based on the geologic conditions encountered in the 9th Right longwall panel and the 10th Right gateroad development, a modification was submitted to finalize the mining layout for the south-west mining block. The modification called for the deletion of the three south longwall panels, 11th, 12th and 13th Right, shortening the 10th Right panel and using a three entry bleeder set for the back of longwall panels 6 through 1. The reason for the deletions is the configuration of the rock split encountered in the 10th Right gateroads which showed thinning of the coal to less than 7 feet under the split and the thickening of the split with associated higher ash content in the coal above and below the split. Coal quality of any coal south of 10th Right showed projections above the settlement agreement of 15 percent ash for run-of-mine coal. Problems holding the split up in 10th Right showed that further southern development would result in greater roof rock dilution.

BLM personnel observed all these conditions during ongoing inspections and agreed with the situations. Verbal approvals were given and this letter is to confirm all the approvals and authorize the mine plan configuration as it now stands. The reserves south of 10th Right have been deleted, as the coal quality is below set standards.

This letter confirms the verbal approvals granted previously and constitutes our concurrence to the modified R2P2. The modifications comply with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 3480, and the lease terms and conditions. All recoverable coal in the south-west area of Federal coal lease U-64375 has been mined and maximum economic recovery has been achieved. The BLM acknowledges and regrets the length of time to respond in writing for these modifications and is working to better the situation.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

/s/ THOMAS E. RASMUSSEN

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Enclosure
Approved Mine Map

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MINING MODIFICATION TO
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