POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 18 TO MINE OPERATORS

To: All Mine Operators and Lignite Council

From: Commissioners Sandstrom, Hagen and Reinbold

Date: February 3, 1987

Subject: Policy for Allowing a Performance Bond to Cover More than One Permit Area

The Commission has adopted a policy allowing a single performance bond to cover more than one permit area at a mine. If a permittee decides to do this, a worst-case reclamation cost determination must be made considering all anticipated mining disturbances up to the latest expiration date of the permits to be covered by the bond. Liability under the bond must date back to the approval date of the first of those permits issued.

Dale V. Sandstrom, President

Bruce Hagen, Commissioner

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