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March 10, 1995

SECRETARY OF LABOR, : DISCRIMINATION PROCEEDING

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH :

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA), : Docket No. KENT 94-1274-D

ON BEHALF OF CHARLES H. :

DIXON, : PIKE CD 94-16

Complainant : Mine ID 15-09571

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V.

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PONTIKI COAL CORPORATION, :

Respondent :

AMENDED ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL DISMISSAL

At hearings held March 9, 1995, on the Respondent's Motions to Dismiss, evidence by way of an affidavit from Charles H. Dixon was admitted indicating that he may have been a "representative of miners" at some time prior to April 15, 1994. Accordingly that part of the interlocutory Order issued February 6, 1995, which held that Complainant Dixon had not become a "representative of miners" before April 15, 1994, is amended by deletion.

A determination as to when Mr. Dixon became a "representative of miners" (and the related determination of which alleged acts of discrimination may be considered) is, therefore, deferred until hearings on the merits or other appropriate proceedings at which a full evidentiary airing of the issue may be provided.

Gary Melick Administrative Law Judge

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