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## FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC February 7, 1980

SECRETARY OF LABOR, MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (MSHA),

v. Docket N . WEST 79-58

## ARCH MINERAL CORPORATION

## ORDER

Arch Mineral Corporation's petition for interlocutory review of an order of the administrative law judge that granted the Secretary of Labor's Motion to Accept Late Filing of Proposal for Penalty is denied. We do not pass on the question of what circumstances, if any, may excuse the late filing of a Proposal for Penalty. Because the events in this case occurred during the period of transition between the Commission's interim and final procedural rules, issues concerning the interpretation of final Commission Rule 27(a) are not presented squarely by this petition for interlocutory review. Our denial of the petition is not to be construed in any way as approval of the failure by the Secretary to timely file a proposal for a penalty in this or any other case.

Richard V. Backley, Commissioner

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