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THE AMERICAN COAL COMPANY

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DIRECTION FOR REVIEW

The petition for discretionary review filed by The American Coal Company is granted in part and denied in part. The Commission grants review regarding the first five questions presented in the petition. The Commission denies review regarding the question of whether the Judge applied the incorrect legal standard in assessing a penalty for Order No. 7490599.

/s/ William I. Althen William I. Althen, Acting Chairman

/s/ Michael G. Young Michael G. Young, Commissioner

/s/ Robert F. Cohen, Jr., Commissioner