



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

New Mexico State Office
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IN REPLY REPLY TO:
NMNM 99144
3400 (93000-itv)

FEB 23 2001

CERTIFIED--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NOTICE

San Juan Coal Company
300 W. Arrington, Suite 200
Farmington, NM 87401

Coal

Bond Accepted
Coal Lease Issued

On February 8, 2001, we received Surety Bond No. 8145 03 91 [BLM Bond No. NM2853] in the amount of \$14,000.00 with San Juan Coal Company, as principal and Federal Insurance Company, as surety. The bond has been examined and found satisfactory. It is accepted effective March 1, 2001.

Enclosed is approved coal lease NMNM 99144 issued effective March 1, 2001, for a period of 20 years and for so long thereafter as coal is produced in commercial quantities from the leases lands. Please note the diligence clause in Section 4 of the lease.

In accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR 3422.4(c), San Juan Coal Company shall pay the balance in equal installments of \$2,600,000.00 on the next four anniversary dates of the lease [March 1, 2002, March 1, 2003, March 1, 2004, and March 1, 2005].

It is the continuing responsibility of San Juan Coal Company to immediately notify the Bureau of Land Management of any change concerning qualifications or of any other person(s) authorized to sign on their behalf.

[Signature]
for M.J. Chávez
State Director

1 Enclosure

cc:
Honorable Gary Johnson w/out Enclosure
Governor of New Mexico
State Capital Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87503

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Case No. 12734 Exhibit No. A-17
Submitted By:
Richardson Operating Company
Hearing Date: November 11, 2001