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Honorable David E. Hess, Chairman Environmental Quality Board Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street, 16th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #7-367 (IRRC #2207) Environmental Quality Board Coal Mine Permits/Road Requirements

Dear Chairman Hess:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission has reviewed your proposed regulation. We have no objections, comments, or suggestions to offer on this regulation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Arthur D. Hershey, Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee