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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
Nuclear Material Section B, Region I  
2100 Renaissance Boulevard  
Suite 100  
King of Prussia, PA 19406-2713

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030-35744

**Re: Nicholas Energy Company (License No. 47-25566-01) Request for Administrative License Amendment – Name Change**

Nicholas Energy Company is the current licensee under the above-referenced Specific License issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for possession and use of sealed source devices. This letter is to respectfully request an administrative license amendment to change the licensee name to "Power Mountain Coal Company." As discussed below, this change does not constitute a direct or indirect change of control of the license, and therefore does not require prior, written NRC consent pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended or 10 CFR § 30.34(b)(1).

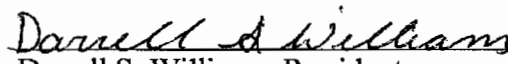
Both the current licensee and Power Mountain Coal Company are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (ANR) (with several intermediate parents), and will remain so after the name change. Thus, ultimate ownership of both companies will not change and ANR will remain the ultimate parent. All that is being requested is that Power Mountain Coal Company be named as the licensee in lieu of the current licensee.

In addition to the lack of a change in ownership structure, there will be no change in the licensed facility, location, operations, equipment, personnel or procedures. Power Mountain Coal Company agrees to abide by all existing license obligations, conditions, and commitments.

We have consulted informally with NRC Region I Staff on this matter. Based on those consultations and this letter, we respectfully request that the administrative name change amendment be issued as soon as possible, and in any event, no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
S. Craig Boggs, President  
Nicholas Energy Company

  
Darrell S. Williams, President  
Power Mountain Coal Company

cc: Mr. Blake Welling

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter application dated

11/05/2013, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

47-25566-01 (Amendment)  
☒ There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

☐ Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 582556.  
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.  
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.