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Re: **In The Matter of the Appeal of P&M Coal's Welch Permit No. 497-T4,
Docket No. 07-4600**

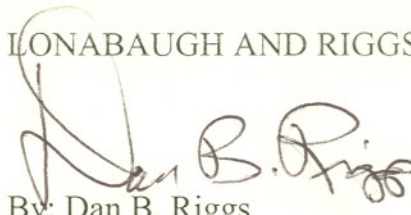
Dear Ms. McGee:

After conferring with Mr. Willson, we believe that a hearing on this matter will take approximately three hours, allowing adequate time for cross-examination of witnesses. We would also like to have the hearing scheduled at a convenient time after April 30, 2007.

Kindly keep us advised of progress of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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