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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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DATE: August 31, 2015

SUBJECT: MUR 6659 (Murray Energy Corporation)
Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

Attached is a conciliation agreement signed by counsel on behalf of Murray Energy Corporation ("Murray Energy"), which we recommend the Commission accept to settle violations of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(c), 30104(g), and 30120(a), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.10 and 110.11. See Attachment 1. This matter stems from Murray Energy's failure to include a disclaimer on signs stating "STOP the WAR on COAL—FIRE OBAMA" and to disclose the disbursements for the signs as independent expenditures. See Certification, MUR 6659 (June 18, 2015) (finding reason to believe that Murray Energy violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(c), 30104(g), and 30120(a), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.10 and 110.11 and authorizing pre-probable cause conciliation).

We recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Murray Energy and close the file in this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Murray Energy Corporation.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file as to all respondents in this matter.