FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

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December 21, 2000

PORTABLE ROCK PRODUCTION CO., : EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Applicant : PROCEEDING

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v. : DOCKET NO. EAJ 2001-1

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SECRETARY OF LABOR, : Formerly WEST 99-309-M MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH : A. C. No. 35-02761-05521

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA),

Respondent : Sears Road Pit

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT

Before: Judge Melick

This case is before me upon an application for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504. The parties have filed a motion to approve a settlement agreement and to dismiss the case upon Respondent's payment of \$13,000.00.

WHEREFORE, the motion for approval of settlement is **GRANTED**, and it is **ORDERED** that Respondent pay the amount of \$13,000.00, within 30 days of this order. These proceedings are accordingly dismissed in accordance with the joint request of the parties.

Gary Melick Administrative Law Judge

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