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Dear Mr. Walker:

Per our telephone conversation this date and our Miscellaneous Electronic Submission, please be advised Arch Coal's Political Action Committee (ARCHPAC) should no longer be considered affiliated with Ashland, Inc.'s Political Action Committee (ARCHPACE) as of March 27, 2000 due to the following:

Ashland, Inc. executed a taxable distribution of 17,397,233 shares of Arch Coal, Inc. on March 27, 2000. The distribution reduced Ashland's ownership interest in Arch Coal to less than 10% of the outstanding shares. Further details are available through publicly available SEC reports filed by Ashland, Inc.

Therefore, the contributions made by ARCHPAC are in compliance with FEC regulations.

Please advise if you have any questions, or need additional clarification.

Sincerely,

James E. Flórczak  
ARCHPAC Treasurer

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