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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PINE MOUNTAIN COAL, LLC

The undersigned, serving as the organizer, pursuant to KRS Chapter 275, hereby executes and files the following Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a Kentucky limited liability company under the Kentucky Limited Liability Company Act.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the limited liability company shall be Pine Mountain Coal, LLC.

ARTICLE II

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the limited liability company shall be located at 500 West Jefferson Street, Suite 2800, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, and the initial registered agent at such office shall be WT&C Corporate Services, Inc.

ARTICLE III

INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address of the initial principal office of the limited liability company shall be located at 1256 Manchester Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40504.

ARTICLE IV

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the limited liability company are to be manager-managed, subject to the provisions of its Operating Agreement.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes the Articles of Organization of Pine Mountain Coal, LLC.

Executed by the undersigned this 23rd day of November, 2004.

WT&C CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.

By: <u>Naugus</u> Naugus Barbara G. Mangus, Vice President

CONSENT OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 275, the undersigned as the initial registered agent identified in Article II of the Articles of Organization of Pine Mountain Coal, LLC, (the "Company"), hereby consents to serve the Company in that capacity until such time as such appointment is terminated or until the undersigned resigns in accordance with the Kentucky Limited Liability Company Act.

WT&C CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.

Barbara G. Mangus, Vice Presiden

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