

# APPENDIX

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2 To stabilize the bituminous coal-mining industry and promote its interstate commerce; to provide for cooperative marketing of bituminous coal; to levy a tax on bituminous coal and provide for a drawback under certain conditions; to declare the production, distribution, and use of bituminous coal to be affected with a national public interest; to conserve the bituminous coal resources of the United States; to provide for the general welfare, and for other purposes; and providing penalties.

3 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it is hereby recognized and declared that the mining of bituminous coal and its distribution by the producers thereof in and throughout the United States are affected with a national public interest; that the service of bituminous coal in relation to the industrial activities, the transportation facilities, the health and comfort of the people of the United States; the conservation of bituminous coal deposits in the United States by controlled production and economical mining and marketing; the maintenance of just and rational relations between the public, owners, producers, and employees; the right of the public to constant and ample supplies of coal at reasonable prices; and the general welfare of the Nation require that the bituminous coal industry be regulated as herein provided.

4 It is further recognized and declared that all production of bituminous coal and distribution by the producers thereof bear upon and directly affect its interstate commerce and render regulation of all such production and distribution imperative for the protection of such commerce and the

national public service of bituminous coal and the normal governmental revenues derivable from such industry; that the excessive facilities for the production of bituminous coal and the overexpansion of the industry have led to practices and methods of production, distribution, and marketing of such coal that waste such coal resources of the Nation, disorganize the interstate commerce in such coal and portend the destruction of the industry itself, and burden and obstruct the interstate commerce in such coal, to the end that control of such production and regulation of the prices realized by the producers thereof are necessary to promote its interstate commerce, remove burdens and obstructions therefrom, and protect the national public interest therein; that practices prevailing in the production of bituminous coal directly affect its interstate commerce and require regulation for the protection of that commerce, and that the right of mine workers to organize and collectively bargain for wages, hours of labor, and conditions of employment should be guaranteed in order to prevent constant wage cutting and the establishment of disparate labor costs detrimental to fair competition in the interstate marketing of bituminous coal, and in order to avoid those obstructions to its interstate commerce that recur in the industrial disputes over labor relations at the mines.

#### NATIONAL BITUMINOUS COAL COMMISSION

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established in the Department of the Interior a National Bituminous Coal Commission (herein referred to as "Commission"), which shall be composed of five members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years or until the prior termination of this title. The Commission shall annually designate its chairman, and shall have a seal which shall be judicially recognized. Any

- 9** person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. The Commission shall have an office in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and shall convene at such times and places as the majority of the Commission shall determine. The members of the Commission shall have no financial interest, direct, or indirect, in the mining, transportation, or sale of, or manufacture of equipment for, coal, oil, or gas, or in the generation, transmission, or sale of hydroelectric power, or in the manufacture of equipment for the use thereof, and shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. Any Commissioner may be removed by the President for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Commission shall, with due regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, appoint and fix the compensation and duties of a secretary and necessary clerical and other assistants, none of whom shall be related to any member of the Commission by marriage or within the third degree by blood. The members of the Commission shall each receive compensation at the rate of \$10,000 per year and necessary traveling expenses. Such Commission shall have the power to make and promulgate all reasonable rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and shall annually make full report of its activities to the Secretary of the Interior for transmission to Congress. Upon all matters within its jurisdiction coming before it for determination, it shall have the power and duty of hearing evidence and finding facts upon which its orders and action may be predicated, and its findings of fact supported by any substantial evidence shall be conclusive upon review thereof by any court of the United States.

(b) (1) There shall be an office in the Department of the Interior to be known as the office of the Consumers' Counsel of the National Bituminous Coal Commission. The office shall be in charge of a counsel to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The counsel shall have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the mining, transportation, or sale of, or the manufacture of equipment for, coal, oil, or gas, or in the generation, transmission, or sale of hydroelectric power, or in the manufacture of equipment for the use thereof, and shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. The counsel shall receive compensation at the rate of \$10,000 per year and necessary traveling expenses.

(2) It shall be the duty of the counsel to appear in the interest of the consuming public in any proceeding before the Commission and to conduct such independent investigation of matters relative to the bituminous coal industry and the administration of this Act as he may deem necessary to enable him properly to represent the consuming public in any proceeding before the Commission. In any proceeding before the Commission in which the counsel has entered an appearance, the counsel shall have the right to offer any relevant testimony and argument, oral or written, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses and parties to the proceeding, and shall have the right to subpoena or other process of the Commission issue in his behalf. Whenever the counsel finds that it is in the interest of the consuming public to have the Commission furnish any information at its command or conduct any investigation as to any matter within its authority, then the counsel shall so certify to the Commission, specifying in the certificate the information or investigation desired. Thereupon the Commission shall

17 promptly furnish to the counsel the information or promptly  
conduct the investigation and place the results thereof at  
the disposal of the counsel.

(3) Within the limitations of such appropriations as  
the Congress may from time to time provide, the counsel is  
authorized, with due regard to the civil service laws and  
the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, to appoint and  
fix the compensation and duties of such assistants and  
18 clerks, and is authorized to make such expenditures, as may  
be necessary for the performance of the duties vested in  
him.

#### TAX ON BITUMINOUS COAL

SEC. 3. There is hereby imposed upon the sale or other  
disposal of all bituminous coal produced within the United  
States an excise tax of 15 per centum on the sale price at  
the mine, or in the case of captive coal the fair market  
19 value of such coal at the mine, such tax, subject to the  
later provisions of this section, to be payable to the United  
States by the producers of such coal, and to be payable  
monthly for each calendar month, on or before the first  
business day of the second succeeding month, and under  
such regulations, and in such manner, as shall be prescribed  
by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue: *Provided*, That  
in the case of captive coal produced as aforesaid, the Com-  
missioner of Internal Revenue shall fix a price therefor  
20 at the current market price for the comparable kind, qual-  
ity, and size of coals in the locality where the same is pro-  
duced: *Provided further*, That any such coal producer who  
has filed with the National Bituminous Coal Commission  
his acceptance of the code provided for in section 4 of this

Act, and who acts in compliance with the provisions of such code, shall be entitled to a drawback in the form of a credit upon the amount of such tax payable hereunder, equivalent to 90 per centum of the amount of such tax, to be allowed and deducted therefrom at the time settlement therefor is required, in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Such right or benefit of drawback shall apply to all coal sold or disposed of from and after the day of the producer's filing with the Commission his acceptance of said code in such form of agreement as the Commission may prescribe. No producer shall by reason of his acceptance of the code provided for in section 4 or of the drawback of taxes provided in section 3 of this Act be held to be precluded or estopped from contesting the constitutionality of any provision of said code, or its validity as applicable to such producer.

#### BITUMINOUS COAL CODE

SEC. 4. The provisions of this section shall be formulated by the Commission into a working agreement, to be known as the "Bituminous Coal Code", and herein referred to as the "Code." Producers accepting and operating under its provisions are herein referred to as "Code members."

For the purpose of carrying out the declared policy of this Act, the code shall contain the following conditions, provisions, and obligations which will tend to regulate interstate commerce in bituminous coal and transactions directly affecting interstate commerce in bituminous coal:

#### PART I—ORGANIZATION AND PRODUCTION

(a) Twenty-three district boards of coal producers shall be organized. Each district board shall consist of not less than three nor more than seventeen members. The

- 25 number of members of the district board shall, subject to the approval of the Commission, be determined by the majority vote of the district tonnage during the calendar year 1934 represented at a meeting of the producers of the district called for the purpose of such determination and for the election of such district board; and all known producers within the district shall be given notice of the time and place of the meeting. All but one of the members of the district board shall be producers or representatives of producers truly representative of all the mines of the district. The number of such producer members shall be an even number. One-half of such producer members shall be elected by the majority in number of the producers of the district represented at the aforesaid meeting. The other producer members shall be elected by votes cast in the proportion of the annual tonnage output for the preceding calendar year of the producers in the district, with the right on the part of the producers to vote their tonnage cumulatively: *Provided*, That not more than one officer or employee of any producer within a district shall be a member of the district board at the same time. The remaining member of each district board shall be selected by the organization of employees representing the preponderant number of employees in the industry of the district in question. The term of district board members shall be two years and until their successors are elected.
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- 28 In case any marketing agency comprising a substantial number of code members in any producing field within a district establishes, to the satisfaction of the Commission, that it has no representation upon the district board and that it is fairly entitled thereto, the Commission may, in its discretion, after hearing, increase the membership of such district board so as to provide for such representation.



Marketing agencies may be established or maintained 29  
 within any district by a voluntary association of producers  
 within any producing field therein, as such producing field  
 may be defined by the district board, and function under  
 such general rules and regulations as may be prescribed by  
 the district board, with the approval of the Commission,  
 for the purpose of marketing their coal with due respect  
 for the standards of unfair competition as defined in this  
 Act. Each such marketing agency shall impose no unreason- 30  
 able or inequitable conditions of membership and shall be  
 truly representative of a least one-third of the tonnage  
 of any producing field or group of producing fields.

The term "marketing agency" or "agencies" as used  
 in this Act shall include any trade association of coal pro-  
 ducers complying with the requirements of a marketing  
 agency and exercising the functions thereof.

The district boards and marketing agencies shall each 31  
 have power to adopt bylaws and rules of procedure, subject  
 to approval of the Commission, and to appoint officers from  
 their own membership, to fix their terms and compensation,  
 to provide for reports, and to employ such committees, em-  
 ployees, arbitrators, and other persons necessary to effectu-  
 ate their purposes. Members of the district board shall  
 serve, as such, without compensation, but may be reim-  
 bursed for their reasonable expenses. The territorial  
 boundaries or limits of such twenty-three districts are set  
 forth in the schedule entitled "Schedule of Districts" and 32  
 annexed to this Act: *Provided*, That the territorial boun-  
 daries or limits of any district or districts may be changed,  
 or said districts may be divided or consolidated, after hear-  
 ing, by the Commission.

(b) The expense of administering the code by the re-  
 spective district boards shall be borne by those subject to

33 the jurisdiction of such boards, respectively, each paying his proportionate share, as assessed, computed on a tonnage basis, in accordance with regulations prescribed by such boards with the approval of the Commission. Such assessments may be collected by the district board by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

34 (c) Nothing contained in this Act shall constitute the members of a district board partners for any purpose. Nor shall any member of a district board be liable in any manner to any one for any act of any other member, officer, agent or employee of the district board. Nor shall any member of a district board, exercising reasonable diligence in the conduct of his duties under this Act, be liable to any one for any action or omission to act under this Act, except for his own willful misfeasance, or for nonfeasance involving moral turpitude.

#### PART II—MARKETING

35 The district boards and code members shall accept and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission to approve or to fix minimum and maximum prices, as follows:

36 (a) All code members shall, in their respective districts, report all spot orders to the district board and shall file with it copies of all contracts for the sale of coal, copies of all invoices, copies of all credit memoranda, and such other information concerning the preparation, cost, sale, and distribution of coal as the Commission may authorize or require. All such records shall be held by the district board as the confidential records of the code member filing such information.

Each district board may set up and maintain a statistical bureau, and the district board may require that such reports

and other information in this subsection described shall be filed with such statistical bureau in lieu of the filing thereof with the district board. 37

Each district board shall, from time to time on its own motion or when directed by the Commission, establish minimum prices free on board transportation facilities at the mines for kinds, qualities, and sizes of coal produced in said district, with full authority, in establishing such minimum prices, to make such classification of coals and price variations as to mines and consuming market areas as it may deem necessary and proper. In order to sustain the stabilization of wages, working conditions, and maximum hours of labor, said prices shall be established so as to yield a return per net ton for each district in a minimum price area, as such districts are identified and such area is defined in the subjoined table designated "Minimum-price area table", equal as nearly as may be to the weighted average of the total costs, per net ton, determined as hereinafter provided, of the tonnage of such minimum price area. The computation of the total costs shall include the cost of labor, supplies, power, taxes, insurance, workmen's compensation, royalties, depreciation, and depletion (as determined by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the computation of the Federal income tax) and all other direct expenses of production, coal operators' association dues, district board assessments for Board operating expenses only levied under the code, and reasonable costs of selling and the cost of administration. 38 39 40

*Minimum-Price-Area Table*

Area 1: Eastern Pennsylvania, district 1; western Pennsylvania, district 2; northern West Virginia, district

41 3; Ohio, district 4; Michigan, district 5; Panhandle, district 6; Southern numbered 1, district 7; Southern numbered 2, district 8; West Kentucky, district 9; Illinois, district 10; Indiana, district 11; Iowa, district 12; that part of Southeastern, district 13, comprising Van Buren, Warren, and McMinn Counties in Tennessee.

Area 2: Southeastern, district 13, except Van Buren, Warren, and McMinn Counties in Tennessee.

42 Area 3: Arkansas-Oklahoma, district 14.

Area 4: Southwestern, district 15.

Area 5: Northern Colorado, district 16; southern Colorado, district 17; New Mexico, district 18.

Area 6: Wyoming, district 19; Utah, district 20.

Area 7: North Dakota and South Dakota, district 21.

Area 8: Montana, district 22.

43 Area 9: Washington, district 23.

The minimum prices so established shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the relative market value of the various kinds, qualities, and sizes of coal, shall be just and equitable as between producers within the district, and shall have due regard to the interests of the consuming public. The procedure for establishment of minimum prices shall be in accordance with rules and regulations to be approved by  
44 the Commission.

A schedule of such minimum prices, together with the data upon which they are computed, including, but without limitation, the factors considered in determining the price relationship, shall be submitted by the district board to the Commission, which may approve, disapprove, or modify

the same to conform to the requirements of this subsection, 45  
 and such approval, disapproval, or modification shall be  
 binding upon all code members within the district, subject  
 to such modification therein as may result from the coordi-  
 nation provided for in the succeeding subsection (b): *Pro-*  
*vided*, That all minimum prices established for any kind,  
 quality, or size of coal for shipment into any consuming  
 market area shall be just and equitable as between pro-  
 ducers within the district: *And provided further*, That no  
 minimum price shall be established that permits dumping. 46

As soon as possible after its creation, each district board  
 shall determine the weighted average of the total costs of  
 the ascertainable tonnage produced in the district in the  
 calendar year 1934. The district board shall adjust the  
 average costs so determined, as may be necessary to give  
 effect to any changes in wage rates, hours of employment,  
 or other factor substantially affecting costs, exclusive of  
 seasonal changes, so as to reflect as accurately as possible  
 any change or changes which may have been established 47  
 since January 1, 1934. Such determination and the com-  
 putations upon which it is based shall be promptly submitted  
 to the Commission by each district board in the respective  
 minimum-price area. The Commission shall thereupon  
 determine the weighted average of the total costs of the  
 tonnage for each minimum-price area in the calendar year  
 1934, adjusted as aforesaid, and transmit it to all the dis-  
 trict boards within such minimum-price area. Said  
 weighted average of the total costs shall be taken as the 48  
 basis for the establishment of minimum prices to be effec-  
 tive until changed by the Commission. Thereafter, upon  
 satisfactory proof made at any time by any district board  
 of a change in excess of 2 cents per net ton of two thousand  
 pounds in the weighted average of the total costs in the

49 minimum-price area, exclusive of seasonal changes, the Commission shall increase or decrease the minimum prices accordingly. The weighted average figures of total cost determined as aforesaid shall be available to the public.

Each district board shall, on its own motion or when directed by the Commission, establish reasonable rules and regulations incidental to the sale and distribution of coal by code members within the district. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of this section and shall conform to the standards of fair competition hereinafter established. Such rules and regulations shall be submitted by the district board to the Commission with a statement of the reasons therefor, and the Commission may approve, disapprove, or modify the same, and such approval, disapproval, or modification shall be binding upon all code members within the district.

(b) District boards shall, under rules and regulations established by the Commission, coordinate in common consuming market areas upon a fair competitive basis the minimum prices and the rules and regulations established by them, respectively, under subsection (a) hereof. Such coordination, among other factors, but without limitation, shall take into account the various kinds, qualities, and sizes of coal, and transportation charges upon coal. All minimum prices established for any kind, quality, or size of coal for shipment into any consuming market area shall be just and equitable, and not unduly prejudicial or preferential, as between and among districts, and shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the relative market values, at points of delivery in each common consuming market area, of the various kinds, qualities and sizes of coal produced in the

various districts; to the end of affording the producers in 53  
the several districts substantially the same opportunity to  
dispose of their coals upon a competitive basis as has here-  
tofore existed. The minimum prices established as a result  
of such coordination shall not, as to any district, reduce  
or increase the return per net ton upon all the coal produced  
therein below or above the minimum return as provided in  
subsection (a) of this section by an amount greater than  
necessary to accomplish such coordination, to the end that 54  
the return per net ton upon the entire tonnage of the mini-  
mum price area shall approximate and be not less than the  
weighted average of the total costs per net ton of the ton-  
nage of such minimum price area. Such coordinated  
prices and rules and regulations, together with the data  
upon which they are predicated, shall be submitted to the  
Commission, which may approve, disapprove, or modify the  
same to establish and maintain such fair competitive rela-  
tionship, and such approval, disapproval, or modification 55  
shall be binding upon all code members within the affected  
districts. No minimum price shall be established that per-  
mits dumping. On the petition of any district board or  
other party in interest or on its own motion, after notice to  
the district boards, the Commission may at any time con-  
duct hearings to determine whether the foregoing method  
of fixing minimum prices under subsection (a) is preju-  
dicial to any district with respect to the fair opportunity of  
such district to market its coal. Should the Commission so 56  
find, and further find that the prejudice cannot be removed  
through the coordination of minimum prices as provided  
for in this subsection (b) then the Commission may estab-  
lish a different basis for determining minimum prices in  
such district, to the end that fair and competitive prices  
shall prevail in the marketing of the coal produced in such

57 district: *Provided*, That the minimum prices so established as to any such district shall yield a return, per net ton, not less than the weighted average of the total costs, per net ton, of the tonnage of such district.

(c) When, in the public interest, the Commission deems it necessary to establish maximum prices for coal in order to protect the consumer of coal against unreasonably high prices therefor, the Commission shall have the right to fix maximum prices free on board transportation facilities for coal in any district. Such maximum prices shall be established at a uniform increase above the minimum prices in effect within the district at the time, so that in the aggregate the maximum prices shall yield a reasonable return above the weighted average total cost of the district: *Provided*, That no maximum price shall be established for any mine which shall not return cost plus a reasonable profit.

(d) If any code member or district board, or any State or political subdivision of a State, shall be dissatisfied with such coordination of prices or rules and regulations, or by a failure to establish such coordination of prices or rules and regulations, or by the maximum prices established for him or it pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, he or it shall have the right, by petition, to make complaint to the Commission, and the Commission shall, under rules and regulations established by it, and after notice and hearing, make such order as may be required to effectuate the purpose of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, which order shall be binding upon all parties in interest. Pending final disposition of such petition, and upon reasonable showing of necessity therefor, the Commission may make such preliminary or temporary order as in its judgment may be appropriate, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.



(e) Subject to the exceptions provided in section 12 of this Act, no coal shall be sold or delivered at a price below the minimum or above the maximum therefor approved or established by the Commission, and the sale or delivery of coal at a price below such minimum or above such maximum shall constitute a violation of the code. 61

Subject to the exceptions provided in section 12 of this Act, a contract for the sale of coal at a price below the minimum or above the maximum therefor approved or established by the Commission at the time of the making of the contract shall constitute a violation of the code, and such contract shall be invalid and unenforceable. 62

From and after the date of approval of this Act, until prices shall have been established pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of part II of this section, no contract for the sale of coal shall be made providing for delivery for a period longer than thirty days from the date of the contract.

While this Act is in effect no code member shall make any contract for the sale of coal for delivery after the expiration date of this Act at a price below the minimum or above the maximum therefor approved or established by the Commission and in effect at the time of making the contract. 63

The maximum prices established in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not apply to coal sold by a code member and shipped outside the domestic market. The domestic market shall include all points within the continental United States and Canada, and car-ferry shipments to the Island of Cuba. Bunker coal delivered to steamships for consumption thereon shall be regarded as shipped within the domestic market. Maximum prices 64

65 established in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not apply to coal sold by a code member and shipped outside the continental United States.

(f) All data, reports, and other information in the possession of the National Recovery Administration in relation to bituminous coal shall be available to the Commission for the administration of this Act.

66 (g) The price provisions of this Act shall not be evaded or violated by or through the use of docks or other storage facilities or transportation facilities, or by or through the use of subsidiaries, affiliated sales or transportation companies or other intermediaries or instrumentalities, or by or through the absorption, directly or indirectly, of any transportation or incidental charge of whatsoever kind or character, or any part thereof. The Commission is hereby authorized, after investigation and hearing, and upon notice to the interested parties, to make  
67 and issue rules and regulations to make this subsection effective.

(h) All sales and contracts for the sale of coal shall be subject to the code prices herein provided for and in effect at the time of the making of such sales and contracts. The Commission shall prescribe the price allowance to and receivable by persons who purchase coal for resale, and resell it in not less than cargo or railroad carload lots; and  
68 shall require the maintenance by such persons, in the resale of coal, of the minimum prices established under this Act.

#### *Unfair Methods of Competition*

(i) The following practices shall be unfair methods of competition and shall constitute violations of the code:

1. The consignment of unordered coal, or the forwarding of coal which has not actually been sold, consigned to the producer or his agent: *Provided, however,* That coal which has not actually been sold may be forwarded, consigned to the producer or his agent at rail or track yards, tidewater ports, river ports, or lake ports, or docks beyond such ports. Such limitations on the consignment of coal shall not apply to the following classes: Bunker coal, coal applicable against existing contracts, coal for storage (other than in railroad cars) by the producer or his agent in rail or track yards or on docks, wharves, or other yards for resale by the producer or his agent. 69 70
2. The adjustment of claims with purchasers of coal in such manner as to grant secret allowances, secret rebates, or secret concessions, or other price discrimination.
3. The prepayment of freight charges with intent to or having the effect of granting a discriminatory credit allowance. 71
4. The granting in any form of adjustments, allowances, discounts, credits, or refunds to purchasers or sellers of coal, for the purposes or with the effect of altering retroactively a price previously agreed upon, in such manner as to create price discrimination.
5. The predating or postdating of any invoice or contract for the purchase or sale of coal, except to conform to a bona fide agreement for the purchase or sale entered into on the predate. 72
6. The payment or allowance in any form or by any device of rebates, refunds, credits, or unearned discounts.

73 or the extension to certain purchasers of services or privileges not extended to all purchasers under like terms and conditions, or under similar circumstances.

7. The attempt to purchase business, or to obtain information concerning a competitor's business by concession, gifts, or bribes.

74 8. The intentional misrepresentation of any analysis or of analyses, or of sizes, or the intentional making, causing, or permitting to be made, or publishing, of any false, untrue, misleading, or deceptive statement by way of advertising, invoicing, or otherwise concerning the size, quality, character, nature, preparation, or origin of any coal bought, sold, or consigned.

75 9. The unauthorized use, whether in written or oral form, of trade marks, trade names, slogans, or advertising matter already adopted by a competitor, or any deceptive approximation thereof.

10. Inducing or attempting to induce, by any means or device whatsoever, a breach of contract between a competitor and his customer during the term of such contract.

76 11. Splitting or dividing commissions, broker's fees, or brokerage discounts, or otherwise in any manner directly or indirectly using brokerage commissions, or jobbers' arrangements or sales agencies for making discounts, allowances, or rebates, or prices other than those determined under this Act, to any industrial consumer or to any retailers, or to others, whether of a like or different class.

12. Selling to, or through, any broker, jobber, commission account, or sales agency, which is in fact or in effect an agency or an instrumentality of a retailer or an industrial consumer or of an organization of retailers or industrial consumers, whereby they or any of them secure either directly or indirectly a discount, dividend, allowance, or rebates, or a price other than that determined in the manner prescribed by this Act. 77

13. Violations of the provisions of the Code. 78

It shall not be an unfair method of competition or a violation of the code or any requirement of this Act (1) to sell to or through any bona fide and legitimate farmer's cooperative organization duly organized under the laws of any State, Territory, the District of Columbia, or the United States whether or not such organization grants rebates, discounts, patronage dividends, or other similar benefits to its members, (2) to sell through any intervening agency to any such cooperative organization, or (3) to pay or allow to any such cooperative organization or to any such intervening agency any discount, commission, rebate, or dividend ordinarily paid or allowed, or permitted by the code to be paid or allowed, to other purchasers for purchases in wholesale or middleman quantities. 79

(j) The Commission shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine written complaints made charging any violation of the code specified in this part II. It shall make and publish rules and regulations for the consideration and hearing of any such complaint, and all interested parties shall be required to conform thereto. The Commission shall make due effort toward adjustment of such complaints and shall endeavor to compose the differences of the parties, and shall make such order or orders in the premises, from time to time, as the facts and the circumstances warrant. 80

- 81 Any such order shall be subject to review as are other orders of the commission.

### PART III—LABOR RELATIONS

To effectuate the purposes of this Act, the district boards and code members shall accept the following conditions which shall be contained in said code:

- 82 (a) Employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and shall be free from interference, restraint, or coercion of employers, or their agents, in the designation of such representatives or in self-organization or in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection; and no employee and no one seeking employment shall be required as a condition of employment to join any company union.
- 83 (b) Employees shall have the right of peaceable assemblage for the discussion of the principles of collective bargaining, shall be entitled to select their own check-weighman to inspect the weighing or measuring of coal, and shall not be required as a condition of employment to live in company houses or to trade at the store of the employer.
- 84 (c) A Bituminous Coal Labor Board, hereinafter referred to as "Labor Board", consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be assigned to the Department of Labor. The chairman shall be an impartial person with no financial interest in the industry, or connection with any organization of the employees. Of the other members, one shall be a representa-

tive of the producers and one shall be a representative of 85  
the organized employees, each of whom may retain his  
respective interest in the industry or relationship to the  
organization of employees. The Labor Board shall, with  
due regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws and  
the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, appoint and  
fix the compensation and duties of a secretary and necessary  
clerical and other assistants. The members shall serve for  
a period of four years or until the prior termination of this  
Act, and shall each receive compensation at the rate of 86  
\$10,000 per annum and necessary traveling expenses. Any  
person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only  
for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Deci-  
sions of the Labor Board may be made by a majority  
thereof.

(d) The Labor Board shall sit at such places as its  
duties require, and may appoint an examiner to report evi-  
dence for its finding in any particular case. It shall notify 87  
the parties to any dispute of the time and place of the taking  
of evidence, or the hearing of the cause, and its finding of  
facts supported by any substantial evidence shall be con-  
clusive upon review thereof by any court of the United  
States. It shall transmit its findings and order to the par-  
ties interested and to the Commission. The Commission  
shall take no action thereon for sixty days after the entry  
of the order of the Labor Board; and if within such sixty  
days an appeal is taken under the provisions of section 16 88  
of this Act, no action on such finding and order shall be  
taken by the Commission during the pendency of the appeal.

(e) The Labor Board shall have authority to adjudi-  
cate disputes arising under subsections (a) and (b) of this  
part III, and to determine whether or not an organization

89 of employees has been promoted, or is controlled or dominated by an employer in its organization, management, policy, or election of representatives; and for the purpose of determining who are the freely chosen representatives of the employees the Board may order and under its supervision may conduct an election of employees for that purpose. The Labor Board may order a code member to meet the representatives of its employees for the purpose of collective bargaining.

90 (f) The Labor Board may offer its services as mediator in any dispute between a producer and its employees where such dispute is not determined by the tribunal set up in a bona fide collective contract; and upon the written submission by the parties requesting an award on a stated matter signed by the duly accredited representatives of the employer and employees, the Labor Board may arbitrate the matter submitted.

91 (g) Whenever the maximum daily and weekly hours of labor are agreed upon in any contract or contracts negotiated between the producers of more than two-thirds the annual national tonnage production for the preceding calendar year and the representatives of more than one-half the mine workers employed, such maximum hours of labor shall be accepted by all the code members. The wage agreement or agreements negotiated by collective bargaining in  
92 any district or group of two or more districts, between representatives of producers of more than two-thirds of the annual tonnage production of such district or each of such districts in a contracting group during the preceding calendar year, and representatives of the majority of the mine workers therein, shall be filed with the Labor Board and



shall be accepted as the minimum wages for the various 93  
 classifications of labor by the code members operating in  
 such district or group of districts.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE CODE

SEC. 5. (a) Upon the appointment of the Commission  
 it shall at once formulate said code and assist in the or-  
 ganization of the district boards as provided for in section 94  
 4, and shall prepare and supply to all coal producers forms  
 of acceptance for membership therein. Such forms of  
 acceptances, when executed, shall be acknowledged before  
 any official authorized to take acknowledgments.

(b) The membership of any such coal producer in such  
 code and his right to a drawback on the taxes levied under  
 section 3 of this Act, may be revoked by the Commission  
 upon written complaint by any party in interest, after a 95  
 hearing, with thirty days' written notice to the member,  
 upon proof that such member has willfully failed or refused  
 to comply with any duty or requirement imposed upon him  
 by reason of his membership; and in such a hearing any  
 party in interest, including the district boards, other code  
 members, consumers, employees, and the Commissioner of  
 Internal Revenue, shall be entitled to present evidence and  
 be heard: *Provided*, That the Commission, in its discretion,  
 may in such case make an order directing the code member 96  
 to cease and desist from violations of the code and upon  
 failure of the code member to comply with such order the  
 Commission may reopen the case upon ten days' notice to  
 the code member affected and proceed in the hearing thereof  
 as above provided.

97 The Commission shall keep a record of the evidence heard by it in any proceeding to cancel or revoke the membership of any code member and its findings of fact if supported by any substantial evidence shall be conclusive upon any proceeding to review or restrain the action and order of the Commission in any court of the United States.

98 When an alleged violation of the code relates to the provisions of part III of section 4 of this Act, the Commission shall accept as conclusive the certified findings and orders of the Labor Board and inquire only into the compliance or noncompliance of the code member with respect thereto.

99 (c) Any producer whose membership in the code and whose right to a drawback on the taxes as provided under this Act has been canceled, shall have the right to have his membership restored upon payment by him of all taxes in full for the time during which it shall be found by the Commission that his violation of the code or of any regulation thereunder, the observance of which is required by its terms, shall have continued. In making its findings under this subsection the Commission shall state specifically (1) the period of time during which such violation continued, and (2) the amount of taxes required to be paid to bring about reinstatement as a code member.

100 (d) Any code member who shall be injured in his business or property by any other code member by reason of the doing of any act which is forbidden or the failure to do any act which is required by this Act or by the code, may sue therefor in any district court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides, or is found or has an agent, without respect to the amount in controversy, and shall recover three-fold damages by him sustained, and the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

SEC. 6. (a) All rules, regulations, determinations, and promulgations of any district board shall be subject to review by the Commission upon appeal by any producer and upon just cause shown shall be amenable to the order of the Commission; and appeal to the Commission shall be a matter of right in all cases to every producer and to all parties in interest. The Commission may also provide rules for the determination of controversies arising under this Act by voluntary submission thereof to arbitration, which determination shall be final and conclusive. 101  
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(b) Any person aggrieved by an order issued by the Commission or Labor Board in a proceeding to which such person is a party may obtain a review of such order in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, within any circuit wherein such person resides or has his principal place of business, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, by filing in such court, within sixty days after the entry of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Commission or Labor Board be modified or set aside in whole or in part. A copy of such petition shall be forthwith served upon any member of the Commission or Labor Board, as the case may be, and thereupon the Commission or Labor Board, as the case may be, shall certify and file in the court a transcript of the record upon which the order complained of was entered. Upon the filing of such transcript such court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, and enforce or set aside such order, in whole or in part. No objection to the order of the Commission or Labor Board shall be considered by the court unless such objection shall have been urged below. The finding of the Commission or Labor Board as to the facts, if supported by substantial 103  
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- 105 evidence, shall be conclusive. If either party shall apply to the court for leave to adduce additional evidence, and shall show to the satisfaction of the court that such additional evidence is material and that there were reasonable grounds for failure to adduce such evidence in the hearing before the Commission or Labor Board, the court may order such additional evidence to be taken before the Commission or Labor Board and to be adduced upon the hearing in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as to the court
- 106 may seem proper. The Commission or Labor Board, as the case may be, may modify its findings as to the facts, by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and it shall file such modified or new findings, which, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, and its recommendation, if any, for the modification or setting aside of the original order. The judgment and decree of the court, affirming, modifying, and enforcing or setting aside, in whole or in part, any such order of the Commission or
- 107 Labor Board, as the case may be, shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in sections 239 and 240 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, secs. 346 and 347).

The commencement of proceedings under this subsection shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commission's order.

- 108 (c) If any code member fails or neglects to obey any order of the Commission while the same is in effect, the Commission in its discretion may apply to the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States within any circuit where such code member resides or carries on business, for the enforcement of its order, and shall certify and file with its

application a transcript of the entire record in the proceeding, including all the testimony taken and the report and order of the Commission. Upon such filing of the application and transcript the court shall cause notice thereof to be served upon such code member and thereupon shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding and of the question determined therein, and shall have power to make and enter upon the pleadings, testimony, and proceedings set forth in such transcript a degree affirming, modifying, or setting aside the order of the Commission. The findings of the Commission as to facts, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive. If either party shall apply to the court for leave to adduce additional evidence, and shall show to the satisfaction of the court that such additional evidence is material and that there were reasonable grounds for the failure to adduce such evidence in the proceeding before the Commission, the court may order such additional evidence to be taken before the Commission and to be adduced upon the hearing in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as to the court may seem proper.

The Commission may modify its findings as to the facts or make new findings, by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and it shall file such modified or new findings, which if supported by substantial evidence shall be conclusive, and its recommendation, if any, for the modification or setting aside of its original order, with the return of such additional evidence. The judgment and decree of the court shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court upon certiorari or certification as provided in sections 239 and 240 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, secs. 346 and 347).

113 (d) The jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States or the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as the case may be, to enforce, set aside, or modify orders of the Commission or Labor Board shall be exclusive.

Such proceedings in the Circuit Court of Appeals or the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as the case may be, shall be given precedence over other cases pending therein, and shall be in every way expedited.

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SEC. 7. All provisions of the law, including penalties and refunds, relating to the collection and disposition of internal revenue taxes, shall, insofar as applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be applicable with respect to taxes imposed under this Act.

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SEC. 8. (a) The members of the Commission and of the Labor Board are authorized to administer oaths to witnesses appearing before their respective boards; and, for the purpose of conducting its investigations, said Commission or the said Labor Board shall have full power to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, which shall be as nearly as may be in the form of subpoenas issued by district courts of the United States. In case any person shall fail or refuse to obey such subpoena it shall be the duty of the Commission, or the Labor Board, through its chairman, to make application to the District Court of the United<sup>1</sup> States setting forth the issue and service of such subpoena and the refusal of the person to obey the same and requesting such court to compel such person to appear before such court and show lawful cause for such refusal. Upon the filing of such application with the clerk of such court, it shall be the duty of the judge thereof, either in

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term time or vacation, to forthwith enter an order of record, requiring such person to appear before such court at a time stated in said order within three days from such entry, and show cause why he should not be required to obey such subpena, and upon his failure to show cause it shall be the duty of the court to order such witness to appear before the said Commission or Labor Board and give such testimony or produce such evidence as may be lawfully required by said Commission or Labor Board. The district court, either in termtime or vacation, shall have full power to punish for contempt as in other cases of refusal to obey the process and order of such court.

(b) In the investigation of any complaint or violation of the code, or of any rule or regulation the observance of which is required under the terms thereof, the Commission or the Labor Board, as the case may be, shall have power to require such reports from, and shall be given access to inspect the books and records of, code members to the extent deemed necessary for the purpose of determining the complaint.

SEC. 9. Should any producer or producers of bituminous coal not accept and maintain membership under the code set out in section 4 of this Act, he or they shall in addition to the tax herein provided and without the privilege of any drawback thereon, be held subject to other Acts of Congress regulating industries and their labor relations or providing for codes of fair competition therein: *Provided*, That the employees of all producers shall have the right of self-organization and collective bargaining through representatives of their own choosing free from the inter-

121 ference, restraint, or coercion of employers or their agents,  
all as set forth in section 4, part III (a) and (b), of this  
Act.

122 SEC. 10. (a) The Commission may require reports  
from producers and may use such other sources of informa-  
tion available as it deems advisable, and may require pro-  
ducers to maintain a uniform system of accounting of  
costs, wages, operations, sales, profits, losses, and such  
123 other matters as may be required in the administration of  
this Act. No information obtained from a producer disclos-  
ing costs of production or sales realization shall be made  
public without the consent of the producer from whom  
the same shall have been obtained, except where such dis-  
closure is warranted by a controversy with the producer  
over any order of the Commission and except that such  
information may be compiled in composite form in such  
manner as shall not be injurious to the interests of any  
producer and, as so compiled, may be published by the Com-  
mission.

124 (b) Any officer or employee of the Commission or of  
any district board who shall, in violation of the provisions  
of subsection (a), make public any information obtained  
by the Commission or the district board, without its author-  
ity, unless directed by a court, shall be deemed guilty of  
a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment  
not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprison-  
ment, in the discretion of the court.

(c) If any producer required by this Act or the code  
to file a report shall fail to do so **within the time fixed for**  
filing the same, and such failure shall continue for thirty



days after notice of such default, the producer shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$50 for each and every day of the continuance of such failure, which forfeiture shall be payable into the Treasury of the United States, and shall be recoverable in a civil suit in the name of the United States, brought in the district where the producer has his principal office or in any district in which he shall do business. It shall be the duty of the various district attorneys, under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, to prosecute for the recovery of forfeiture.

SEC. 11. State laws regulating the mining of coal not inconsistent herewith are not affected by this Act.

SEC. 12. No coal may be delivered upon a contract made prior to the effective date of this Act at a price below the minimum price at the time of delivery upon such contract, as established pursuant to Part II of section 4 of this Act, and such contract shall be invalid and unenforceable: *Provided*, That this prohibition shall not apply (a) to a lawful and bona fide written contract entered into prior to October 2, 1933; nor (b) to a lawful and bona fide written contract entered into subsequent to that date and prior to May 27, 1935, at not less than the minimum price current as published under the Code of Fair Competition for the Bituminous Coal Industry, pursuant to the National Industrial Recovery Act, at the time of making of such contract; nor (c) to a lawful and bona fide written contract entered into on or after May 27, 1935, and prior to the date of the approval of this Act, at not less than the minimum price for current sale as published under said code of fair competition, as at May 27, 1935.

**129** SEC. 13. Any combination between producers creating  
a marketing agency for the disposal of competitive coals in  
interstate commerce at prices to be determined by such  
agency or by the agreement of the producers operating  
through such agency, shall be unlawful as a restraint of  
interstate trade and commerce within the provisions of the  
Act of Congress of July 2, 1890, known as the Sherman  
Act, and Acts amendatory and supplemental thereto, unless  
**130** such marketing agency shall have been approved by the  
Commission as provided in section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 14. (a) No bituminous coal shall be purchased by  
the United States, or any department or agency thereof,  
produced at any mine, where the producer has not com-  
plied with the provisions of the code set out in section 4  
of this Act.

**131** (b) Each contract made by the United States, or any  
department or agency thereof, with a contractor for any  
public work, or service, shall contain a provision that the  
contractor will buy no bituminous coal to use on or in the  
carrying out of such contract from any producer except  
such producer be a member of the code set out in section  
4 of this Act as certified to by the National Bituminous  
Coal Commission.

**132** SEC. 15. If any provision of this Act, or the applica-  
tion thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid,  
the remainder of the Act and the application of such pro-  
visions to other persons or circumstances shall not be  
affected thereby.

## OTHER DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

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SEC. 16. The Commission shall study and investigate the matter of increasing the uses of bituminous coal and the problems of its importation and exportation; and shall further investigate—

(1) The economic operations of mines with the view to the conservation of the national coal resources.

(2) The safe operation of mines for the purpose of minimizing working hazards, and for such purpose shall be authorized to employ the services of the Bureau of Mines. 134

(3) The rehabilitation of mine workers displaced from employment, and the relief of mine workers partially employed. The Commission's findings and recommendations shall be transmitted to the proper agency of the Government for relief, rehabilitation, and subsistence homesteads. 135

(4) The problem of marketing to lower distributing costs for the benefit of consumers.

(5) The Commission shall, as soon as reasonably possible after its appointment, investigate the necessity for the control of production of bituminous coal and methods of such control, including allotment of output to districts and producers within such districts, and shall hold hearings thereon, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for transmission by him to Congress not later than January 6, 1936. 136

SEC. 17. Upon substantial complaint that bituminous-coal prices are excessive, and oppressive of consumers, or

**137** that any district board, or producers' marketing agency, is operating against the public interest, or in violation of this Act, the Commission may hear such complaint, or appoint a committee to investigate the same, and its findings shall be made public; and the Commission shall make proper orders within the purview of this Act so as to correct such abuses. Complaints may be made under this section by any State or political subdivision of a State.

**138** SEC. 18. To safeguard the interests of those concerned in the mining, transportation, selling, and consumption of coal, the Commission is hereby vested with authority to make complaint to the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to rates, charges, tariffs and practices relating to the transportation of coal, and to prosecute the same. Before proceeding to hear and dispose of any complaint filed by another than the Commission, involving the transportation of coal, the Interstate Commerce Commission

**139** shall cause the Commission to be notified of the proceeding and, upon application of the Commission, shall permit the Commission to appear and be heard. The Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records and facilities of the Commission.

**140** SEC. 19. The term "bituminous coal" as used in this Act shall include all bituminous, semibituminous, and subbituminous coal and lignite. The term "producer" shall include all persons, firms, associations, corporations, trustees, and receivers engaged in mining bituminous coal. The term "captive coal" shall include all coal produced at a mine for consumption by the producer or by a subsidiary or affil-

iate thereof, or for use in the production of coke or other forms of manufactured fuel by such producer or subsidiary or affiliate. 141

SEC. 20. Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on the 1st day of the third calendar month after the enactment of this Act, unless the Commission shall not at that time have formulated the code and forms of acceptance for membership therein, in which event section 3 of this Act shall become effective from and after the date when the Commission shall have formulated the code and such forms for acceptance, which date shall be promulgated by Executive order of the President of the United States. All other sections of this Act shall become effective on the day of the approval of this Act. 142

SEC. 21. This Act shall cease to be in effect and any agencies established thereunder shall cease to exist on and after four years from the date of the approval of this Act. 143

SEC. 22. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time such sums as may be necessary for the administration of this Act.

SEC. 23. This Act may be cited as the "Bituminous Coal Conservation Act of 1935."

ANNEX TO ACT—SCHEDULE OF DISTRICTS 144  
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

DISTRICT 1. The following counties in Pennsylvania: Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Fulton, Hunting-

- 145 don, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Potter, Somerset, Tioga.

Armstrong County, including mines served by the P. & S. R. R. on the west bank of the Allegheny River, and north of the Conemaugh division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Fayette County, all mines on and east of the line of Indian Creek Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

- 146 Indiana County, north of but excluding the Saltsburg branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Edri and Blairsville, both exclusive.

Westmoreland County, including all mines served by the Pennsylvania Railroad, Torrance, and east.

All coal-producing counties in the State of Maryland.

The following counties in West Virginia: Grant, Mineral, and Tucker.

- 147 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

DISTRICT 2. The following counties in Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Washington.

Armstrong County, west of the Allegheny River and exclusive of mines served by the P. & S. R. R.

Indiana County, including all mines served on the Saltsburg branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad north of Conemaugh River.

- 148 Fayette County, except all mines on and east of the line of Indian Creek Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Westmoreland County, including all mines except those served by the Pennsylvania Railroad from Torrance, east.

NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA 149

DISTRICT 3. The following counties in West Virginia: Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzell, Wirt, Wood.

That part of Nicholas County including mines served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and north.

OHIO 150

DISTRICT 4. All coal-producing counties in Ohio.

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT 5. All coal-producing counties in Michigan.

PANHANDLE

DISTRICT 6. The following counties in West Virginia: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Ohio. 151

SOUTHERN NUMBERED 1

DISTRICT 7. The following counties in West Virginia: Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Pocahontas, Summers.

Fayette County, east of Gauley River and including the Gauley River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and mines served by the Virginia Railway.

McDowell County, that portion served by the Dry Fork branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and east thereof. 152

Raleigh County, excluding all mines on the Coal River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

- 153 Wyoming County, that portion served by the Gilbert branch of the Virginian Railroad lying east of the mouth of Skin Fork of Guyandot River and that portion served by the main line and the Glen Rogers branch of the Virginian Railroad.

The following counties in Virginia: Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe, Giles, Craig.

- 154 Tazewell County, that portion served by the Dry Fork branch to Cedar Bluff and from Bluestone Junction to Boissevain branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and Richlands-Jewell Ridge Branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Buchanan County, that portion served by the Richlands-Jewell Ridge branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and that portion of said county on the head waters of Dismal Creek, east of Lynn Camp Creek (a tributary of Dismal Creek).

155 SOUTHERN NUMBERED 2

DISTRICT 8. The following counties in West Virginia: Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, Wayne, Cabell.

Fayette County, west of, but not including mines of the Gauley River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

- 156 McDowell County, that portion not served by and lying west of the Dry Fork branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Raleigh County, all mines on the Coal River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and north thereof.

Nicholas County, that part south of and not served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.



Wyoming County, that portion served by Gilbert branch of the Virginian Railroad lying west of the mouth of Skin Fork of Guyandot River. **157**

The following counties in Virginia: Dickinson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Wise.

All of Buchanan County, except that portion on the head waters of Dismal Creek, east of Lynn Camp Creek (tributary of Dismal Creek) and that portion served by the Richlands-Jewell Ridge branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. **158**

Tazewell County, except portions served by the Dry Fork branch of Norfolk and Western Railroad and branch from Bluestone Junction to Boissevain of Norfolk and Western Railroad and Richlands-Jewell Ridge branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

The following counties in Kentucky: Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Leslie, McCreary, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Wayne, Whitley. **159**

The following counties in Tennessee: Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Overton, Roane, Scott.

The following counties in North Carolina: Lee, Chatham, Moore.

#### WEST KENTUCKY

DISTRICT 9. The following counties in Kentucky: **160**  
Butler, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Union, Warren, Webster.

#### ILLINOIS

DISTRICT 10. All coal-producing counties in Illinois.

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## INDIANA

DISTRICT 11. All coal-producing counties in Indiana.

## IOWA

DISTRICT 12. All coal-producing counties in Iowa.

## SOUTHEASTERN

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DISTRICT 13. All coal-producing counties in Alabama. The following counties in Georgia: Dade, Walker. The following counties in Tennessee: Marion, Grundy, Hamilton, Bledsoe, Sequatchie, White, Van Buren, Warren, McMinn, Rhea.

## ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA

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DISTRICT 14. The following counties in Arkansas: All counties in the State. The following counties in Oklahoma: Haskell, Le Flore, Sequoyah.

## SOUTHWESTERN

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DISTRICT 15. All coal-producing counties in Kansas. All coal-producing counties in Texas. All coal-producing counties in Missouri. The following counties in Oklahoma: Coal, Craig, Latimer, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner.

## NORTHERN COLORADO

DISTRICT 16. The following counties in Colorado: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Jackson, Jefferson, Larimer, Weld.

## SOUTHERN COLORADO

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DISTRICT 17. The following counties in Colorado: All counties not included in northern Colorado district.

The following counties in New Mexico: All coal-producing counties in the State of New Mexico, except those included in the New Mexico district.

## NEW MEXICO

DISTRICT 18. The following counties in New Mexico: Grant, Lincoln, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Socorro. 166

## WYOMING

DISTRICT 19. All coal-producing counties in Wyoming.

## UTAH

DISTRICT 20. All coal-producing counties in Utah. 167

## NORTH DAKOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA

DISTRICT 21. All coal-producing counties in North Dakota. All coal-producing counties in South Dakota.

## MONTANA

DISTRICT 22. All coal-producing counties in Montana.

## WASHINGTON

DISTRICT 23. All coal-producing counties in Washington. 168

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