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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-26 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 14, 2015

Date of Death: May 14, 2015

Autopsy Conducted: N/A

Death Certificate Issued: June 2, 2015

Operator: Revelation Energy, LLC.

Mine: Van Lear Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. On May 14, 2015 [REDACTED], a 45-year old trespasser, entered an abandoned mine property with a cousin to remove copper and other scrap metal. He climbed the disconnect switch substation structure and was electrocuted and fell when he came into contact with a 69,000 VAC phase line. [REDACTED] was declared dead at the scene by emergency responders.

The certificate of death found that the immediate cause of death was electrocution/fall, and the manner of death was listed as an accident.

Based on these findings, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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