

**ICNU Data Request 26.96**

Please refer to GND-5T, page 52, lines 7-11. Does Mr. Duvall agree that if the Company is successful in these efforts it will improve coal quality for Bridger?

**Response to ICNU Data Request 26.96**

Bridger Coal Company has initiated these efforts to reduce delivered coal quality variability. Although the quality composition of both the underground and surface coal does not change, the Company anticipates that the consistency of the heat value and ash coal quality will improve.

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