



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Via U.S. Mail

Richard R. Grinnan
Vice President and Corporate Secretary
Massey Energy Company
4 North 4th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

**Re: Massey Energy Company
Schedule 14A Preliminary Proxy Statement
Filed August 5, 2010
File Number 001-07775**

Dear Mr. Grinnan:

We have completed our review of your Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Anne Nguyen Parker
Branch Chief