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RE: Well Drilling and Completion Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, C/007/005AM03C, Outgoing File

Dear Mary Ann:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responding to your request for comment on the referenced amendment. After reviewing the proposed amendment, BLM concurs with the plan and has the following comments:

- 1) Map. JC-1 and JC-3 have symbols as water monitoring wells. Water from these wells will be used in UPDES monitoring but the JC-3 well is for mine dewatering and the symbol should be different than a normal monitoring well. We would propose a triangle that is not filled in so the triangle can show UPDES water monitoring points but the open triangle can distinguish between a monitoring well and a dewatering well.
- 2) Page 8 of the operation plan now has changed and the design of the well should be updated.
- 3) Page 2-25. The text "JC-3, was drilled and completed by PacifiCorp in March-April of 2003 to discharge water from the 10 Left area of the mine to Electric Lake. COMMENT: The way the hole is designed water may come from more than the 10 left area of the mine it also may come from the Starpoint sandstone that is below the current mine workings.

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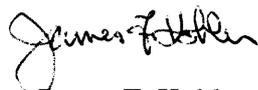
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- 4) Page 3-63(b) " This well will be drilled and completed within the 10 left area of the Skyline Mine." COMMENT: an addition to this sentence should be added which indicates that the well will be completed 350 feet below the Lower O'Connor "B" seam where the 10 left workings are currently located.
- 5) The drawings that are attached to the package are out of date and need to be updated.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Stan Perkes, 801-539-4036.

Sincerely,



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Cc: PFO