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TO: Internal File

FROM: Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist *PAB*

RE: Updated Ownership and Control Information, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-LF00B-2

SUMMARY:

Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO) has proposed to change the ownership and control information for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The original proposal was dated June 2, 2000, and the Division received a revised submittal on September 18, 2000. In July 1999, Nevada Power, the former owner of NEICO, merged with Sierra Pacific Resources, and Sierra Pacific Resources became the sole owner of NEICO. NEICO's officers and directors have changed.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-112

Analysis:

In July 1999, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Resources merged, and Sierra Pacific Resources became the owner of Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO), the permittee for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The permittee and operator remain NEICO, a Nevada corporation. Techmat, LLC, has signed a lease to resume the recovery of coal fines that was begun by Covol Technologies.

TECHNICAL MEMO

The resident agent would remain Patrick Collins, and NEICO would be responsible for paying any abandoned mine reclamation fees. The application contains the addresses, telephone numbers, and employer identification numbers for NEICO and Sierra Pacific Resources.

The application also includes the names of the officers and directors of NEICO and Sierra Pacific Resources together with the positions these people hold and the dates they assumed their positions.

NEICO previously owned 50% of the Crandall Canyon Mine, and the application gives information about this mine. Sierra Pacific has not owned or controlled a coal mining or reclamation operation in the previous five years.

Findings:

Information in the application is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application should be approved.

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