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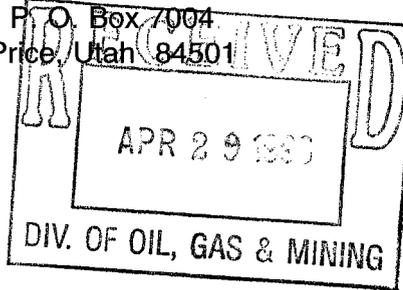
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Re: Mining in Accordance with Approved Resource Recovery and Protection Plan, PacifiCorp,  
Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009-96A

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

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We have reviewed the subject permit amendment proposed by PacifiCorp. The amendment concerns facilitating prior approved first mining in accordance with the recently approved R2P2 on the Third, Fourth and Fifth East panel setups.

Beaver Creek Coal Company received approval for room-and-pillar mining for the Trail Mountain Mine (lease U-64375) subject to first mining only under the escarpment. On March 15, 1996, the Bureau of Land Management approved PacifiCorp's Alternative Mine Plan for the Trail Mountain Mine. This minor modification request included extending the Third, Fourth and Fifth East development entries approximately 700 feet east beyond their previous location, out beyond the escarpment. We have approved the extension of the Third, Fourth and Fifth East development entries approximately 700 feet east beyond their previous location as a portion of the overall minor modification.

The Fourth and Fifth East longwall panels would also be located beyond the escarpment. At present, Forest Service and BLM are participating in evaluating the potential for longwall extraction under the escarpment through the NEPA process. Longwall extraction may occur only upon completion of the environmental assessment process.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact George Tetreault at the Price River Resource Area Office at 636-3600.

Sincerely,

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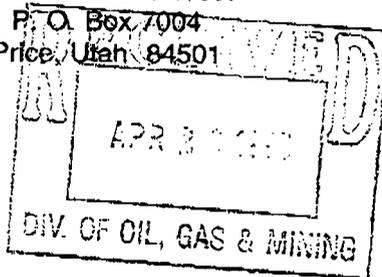
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