



December 12, 1997

Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Attn: Pam Grubaugh-Littig

Re: Amendment to Trail Mountain Mid-Term Review for Removal of Text Pertaining to Reclamation Costs of the PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009, Emery County, Utah.

*File MT for ACT/015/009
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Jesse*

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits an amendment to the mid-term review submittal regarding the above subject matter.

On November 3, 1997 the amendment (1993 Exploration Request for Removal from Disturbed Area, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009-97C, File#2, Emery County, Utah) was approved. This amendment pertained to exploration disturbances within the permit area adding 14.15 acres to the existing 10.69 acres of disturbed area in 1993. In 1994 the exploration rules were changed and exploration activities within a permit area were not required to be included in the disturbed area. The Division found that the area associated with the 1993 exploration activities, could be removed from the disturbed area due to the 1994 Utah Coal Rules revision.

Energy West is hereby requesting bond reduction associated with 1993 Exploration Drilling and removal of the text within the permit pertaining to the reclamation cost. Deficiencies to the Trail Mountain mid-term review was submitted to the Division on October 29, 1997. This submittal will amend Table 3-5 of the mid-term review. Shaded areas of Table 3-5 represent mid-term deficiency changes (revised 10/29/97), while strikeouts of the Table represent the latest changes to the mid-term (revised 12/11/97).

The total reclamation costs will be reduced from \$884,257.00 to \$739,991.00. This is a reduction of \$144,266.00. The following presents the proposed changes:

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Revisions

1. page 3-81, Table 3-5, Volume II

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Unless an unforeseen item has been neglected, all parameters necessary to this amendment have been covered and are complete. Upon approval of this amendment and response of the mid-term review, Energy West will submit an application for Surety Bond reduction.

If you have any question or concerns regarding this amendment, please feel free to call me at 687-4720.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Semborski
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

enclosure

cc Susan Tuttle w/encl. (file)
Bill Malencik w/encl. (Energy West Mining)
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TABLE 3-5
RECLAMATION COST BREAKDOWN FOR RECLAMATION BOND

1.	Surface Facility Removal	\$198,169
2.	Earth Moving and Recontouring	\$116,579
3.	Rip-Rap	\$12,649
4.	Revegetation	\$56,496
5.	Miscellaneous*	<u>\$70,920</u>
	SUBTOTAL (1984 Dollars)	\$454,813
+ 10%	Contingency	<u>\$45,481</u>
	SUBTOTAL	\$500,294
+ 5%	Reclamation Management	<u>\$25,515</u>
	TOTAL (1984 Dollars)	\$525,809 ^(1984 DOLLARS)

YEAR	ESCALATION FACTOR**	ESCALATED TOTAL	YEAR	ESCALATION FACTOR	ESCALATED TOTAL
1985	1.20%	\$532,119	1986	1.80%	\$541,697
1987	2.00%	\$552,531	1988	1.80%	\$562,477
1989	1.50%	\$570,914	1990	2.20%	\$583,474
1991	1.27%	\$590,884	1992	2.21%	\$603,943
1993	2.54%	\$619,283	1994	3.21%	\$639,162
1995	1.93%	\$651,498	1996	2.58%	\$668,306
1997	2.58%	\$685,548	1998	2.58%	\$703,236
1999	2.58%	\$721,379	2000	2.58%	\$739,991

TOTAL SURETY ESTIMATE 2000 Dollars)	\$739,991
**1993 Exploration Drilling	144,266
SUGGESTED SURETY ESTIMATE	\$884,257

*Miscellaneous costs include all monitoring and maintenance related costs for successful reclamation establishments.

~~**Total includes +10% Contingency = 12,622 and +4.3% Reclamation Management = 5,427. Original Cost 1994 Dollars = 126,217.~~

~~This item will be removed pending the Division's approval.~~

**Escalated Factors taken from Means©