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Subject: **NOTICE OF "TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OPERATIONS FOR THE TRAIL MOUNTAIN, COTTONWOOD, AND WILBERG MINES"; ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH.**

Mr. Manus:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Interwest Mining Company ("Interwest") as managing agent and Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator hereby submits the following "**Notice of Temporary Cessation of Operations for the Trail Mountain, Cottonwood, and Wilberg Mines**"; Emery County, Utah [Federal Leases: UTU-64375, U-49332, U-082996, U-083066, U-040151, U-1358, SL-064900, U-044025, U-02292].

With the scheduled completion of the 1st Right longwall panel at the Trail Mountain Mine in early March / 2001, Energy West Mining Company plans to begin mine recovery and temporary portal sealing operations. Preliminary time frame of project completion dates are as follows:

- PHASE #1, Trail Mountain Mine, May 2001;
- PHASE #2, Cottonwood Mine, June 2001;
- PHASE #3, Wilberg Mine, July 2001.

Mine recovery will include, but not be limited to, removal of equipment and materials from the underground workings with the following exceptions: Installed primary and secondary roof and rib support materials; general miscellaneous mine supplies and/or hardware items, some sections of in-place water supply and de-watering pipe, some sections of in-place high-voltage electrical distribution cable and monitoring cable, some sections of in-place mainline conveyor structure and conveyor belting. The material and equipment items identified for in-place abandonment have minimal

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commercial value due to present service condition and are evaluated to not be reasonable or economical to recover. The decision to abandon materials in-place is made with full consideration to the **absence** of any short term or long term effect to present and/or future underground or surface resources and/or operations. Prior to final mine sealing, a joint environmental audit of all active underground workings will be conducted by Energy West [and applicable governmental agencies] to verify and document the type, amount and location of all remaining in-place abandoned materials.

The temporary sealing of underground openings will be scheduled in conjunction with completion of the underground mine recovery projects and will include all active underground to surface entries and/or portal openings. Seals / bulkheads will be constructed in accordance with the approved MSHA mine ventilation plan and 30 CFR Part 75.335. In addition to underground seals/ bulkheads, each portal opening at the surface will be protected by a fence barricade and properly posted with signs to prevent access and to identify the hazardous nature of the opening.

Attached, please find a mine map outlining site specific areas of proposed seals / bulkheads as well as areas of proposed abandonment of in-place conveyor structure and / or conveyor belting.

As has been stated in all approved Resource Recovery and Protection Plans (R2P2's) for the Cottonwood and Trail Mountain Mines, a protective access corridor will be left [via leaving protective solid coal barrier pillars] between the Cottonwood Mine 4th East belt portal, to and inclusive of the Trail Mountain Mine 3rd West Mains. This protective corridor is provided to insure long term future access to the proposed Cottonwood Canyon Lease Tract reserves, north and west of the existing Trail Mountain Mine.

Due to the urgent nature of this project, timely review and concurrence by the Authorized Officer will allow Energy West to finalize project plans and scheduling. If you have any questions or require additional information and/or detail, please contact Larry LaFrentz [Energy West] at (435) 687-4726.

Sincerely,

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One (1) Enclosure;

Enclosure #1: TRAIL MOUNTAIN, COTTONWOOD & WILBERG MINES PROPOSED "TEMPORARY" SEALING LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND OPENINGS; 2001 MINE CLOSURE PROJECT [DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2001]

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