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Mary Ann Wright  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Re: Application for Suspension of Operations and Production on the Trail  
Mountain Logical Mining Unit and associated Federal Coal Leases

Dear Ms. Wright:

On February 28, 2003, PacifiCorp requested that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grant a suspension of operations and production under Section 39 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 as amended (30 U.S.C. 209) 43 CFR 3473.4 and 3483.3 on the Trail Mountain Logical Mining Unit (LMU) as of March 16, 2001. Enclosed is a suspension of operations and production which suspends all lease terms and conditions (such as rental, royalties, diligence, advanced royalty, etc.) until the suspension is lifted. The lessee does not have beneficial access to the leases.

The responsibility of BLM is to ensure that a suspension of operations and production should:

1. Encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of the resource (coal).
2. Be in the interest of conservation of natural resources (coal and other).
3. Promote development of the resource (coal).

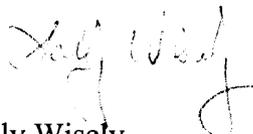
BLM is requesting that your organization comment on the 3 items above, from your perspective in the coal program. BLM is also seeking comments on issues that may affect the suspension or issuing the suspension such as:

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1. Issues relating to the Cottonwood Canyon Coal Tract Environmental Impact Statement.
2. When would reclamation be required under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act if the suspension would be put into place?
3. What would happen if the access into the Cottonwood Canyon Tract were from a different location either on Federal or Private lands?
4. Impacts due to deferral of rents and royalties to the State of Utah or interested parties.
5. Other issues that BLM should take into consideration.

In order to make a timely determination, BLM requests that you please provide written comments by April 15, 2003. If any information is classified as proprietary or confidential, please mark it as such. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Jeff McKenzie at 801-529-4038 or Mr. Stan Perkes 801-539-4036.

Sincerely



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State Director

Enclosure:

Application for suspension