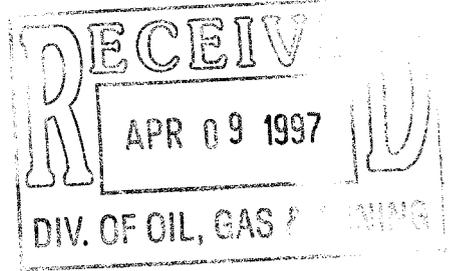


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**Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N-97-41-3-1,
PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mines, Act/015/017,
Folder # 5, Emery County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Carter:

This office represents PacifiCorp and its wholly owned subsidiary Energy West Mining Company with respect to the above captioned matter. In response to your letter dated March 27, 1997 regarding the above proposed assessment, PacifiCorp wishes to informally appeal the fact of the violation and hereby requests an Informal Conference. PacifiCorp also wishes to review the proposed penalty assessment and hereby requests an Assessment Conference.

We appreciate you advising us of the times and dates for the above meetings as soon as they are scheduled.

Very truly yours,

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