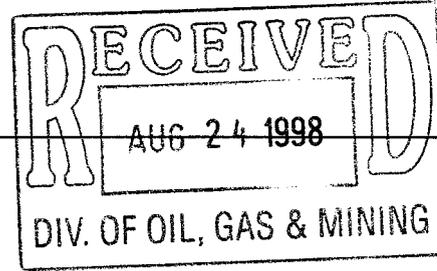




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August 20, 1998

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Attn: Mr. Darin Haddock

Re: Revision to the Des-Bee-Dove Haul Road, and Postmining Land Use Amendment, Round 2, PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017-D097A, Folders #2 and #3, Emery County, Utah.

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Copy letter to Star

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits the following information to clarify three concerns raised during the review period of the *Amendment to Satisfy Division Order (D097A) Disposition of the Des-Bee-Dove Haul Road* submitted April 30, 1998. The concerns are listed below.

- ◆ During the review of the previous revision dated August 7, 1998, the Division found several crucial items from Volume 7, Appendix XVI which needed to be included in the Executive Summary. These items include; Live Earth and Rocky Soil treatment applications, exact seed mixtures, soil sampling information, and a discussion on the cover by vegetation species.

To clarify the Executive Summary, it has been revised to include the above mentioned deficiencies. The application rate of 800 - 1200 lbs/acre of Live Earth in Plots 3 and 4 on page 1, Table 1, was revised to show the approved application rate of 1000 lbs/acre. This rate was approved by the Division on April 13, 1993. Rocky Soil quantities of Plot 1 and 4 were also included in this table.

Soil sampling of the test plots were conducted as committed by PacifiCorp on August 6, 1996. The results of the soil analysis (analysis report dated 9/4/96) are presented in Attachment 1 at the end of the Executive Summary. Initial sampling results are also included for comparison.

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Detailed information on quantitative vegetation sampling was included in the Discussion Section on page 8 of the Summary. The dominant woody species, grasses, and forbs encompass the basic conclusions that were extracted from the 1997 Annual Vegetation Report.

- ◆ The postmining land use description did not include a justification of change from wildlife and grazing to wildlife, grazing, recreation, and industrial in R645-301-400 Land Use and Air Quality. This section has been broadened to show the need for the postmining land use changes. Added to R645-301-411 is bulleted justifications of Industrial/Commercial use, Recreational use, and public access of the Des-Bee-Dove Haul Road.
  
- ◆ A typographical error was made in the August 7, 1998 submittal. Plate 1-5 was revised to clearly show the area where the Des-Bee-Dove road right-of-way overlaps the permit area. The text of the previous submittal referred to the correct drawing (Plate 1-5) as Plate 1-6 and should be revised. Volume 2, Chapter 1, page 1-20 has been revised again to reflect the correct Plate.

Attached is 7 copies of the following revisions to the April 30, 1998 Haul Road amendment:

**Volume 2, Part 4, Appendix VIII**

**Replace, revised Executive Summary to include application rates, exact seed mixtures, soil sampling results, and discussion of cover by species.**

**R645-301-400  
Land Use and Air Quality Section**

**Revised to include the reasons behind the postmining land use changes.**

**Volume 1, Part 1  
Page 1-20**

**Replace, revised to change text referring to Plate 1-6 to Plate 1-5.**

Energy West appreciates the Division's active participation and patience in moving this amendment through the necessary processes. We hope that the Division understands the urgency

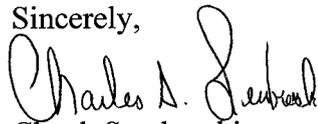
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in which this amendment must progress since certain Right-of-Ways have already been transferred. If there are any further questions or concerns related to this amendment, please feel free to contact Dennis Oakley at 435-687-4825.

Sincerely,



Chuck Semborski

Geology/Permitting Supervisor

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