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Re: Des-Bee-Dove Pump House Area Reclamation Project, PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits a proposal to reclaim a portion of the Des Bee Dove Mine. The portion to be reclaimed is known as the pumphouse area. This is a small Pre-SMCRA area located south the main disturbance of the Des Bee Dove Mine (see attached map).

As documented in the MRP, mining began as early as 1898 in the unnamed canyon where the Des Bee Dove Mine is located. The original mine workings, called the Griffith Mine, were limited in extent due to the rugged terrain and poor access. The Griffith workings were purchased in 1936 by two men, Edwards and Broderick, who fashioned a crude access road and mine until 1938.

Castle Valley Fuel Company purchased the Edwards and Broderick property in 1938. The LDS Church purchased coal lands adjacent to Castle Valley Fuel Company in 1938 and began their operations in that year. The Church Mine operated under contract to a Mr. Killian of Orangeville until it was closed in 1943 due to World War II. Castle Valley Fuel Company continued to operate until 1947. The LDS Church purchased Castle Valley Fuel's operation in 1947 and combined operations to form Deseret Coal Company, a church welfare project.

Deseret Coal Company continued operations until Utah Power & Light Company acquired it in 1972. On February 6th, 1987 the Des Bee Dove Mine was temporarily idled. During the fall of 1999, PacifiCorp initiated reclamation activities which included demolishing and removing all associated surface facilities.

The Des-Bee-Dove operations are separated from the main part of East Mountain by the Deer Creek fault (western permit boundary). Due to the faulting, which acts as an aquiclude, the Des-

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Bee-Dove mines were dry and required water to be supplemented from outside sources. With increase emphasis on dust suppression, a pumphouse/storage facility was constructed southeast of the portal area . Records (aerial photography) indicate this area was disturbed between 1971 and 1974. The pumphouse area was actively used until the late 1970's when a drill hole from the Wilberg Mine was completed supplying the necessary water for mining as well as culinary use.

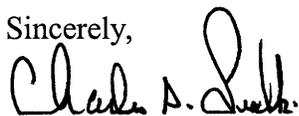
Approximately 1.56 acres of disturbance was included and approved in the initial permit application (issued August 29, 1985). In addition to the permitted pumphouse area, a small Pre-SMCRA non-permitted site exists north of the permitted pumphouse area covering approximately 0.65 acres that will be referred to as the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation (AML) area. The permitted pumphouse area contains 1.56 acres of disturbance that encompasses the pumphouse and associated facilities (demolished and removed in December 1999) and access road. The disturbance of both areas combined is approximately 2.21 acres

These areas pose a unique opportunity for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program and an interesting problem for PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp plans to initiate reclamation of the permitted pumphouse area in the spring of 2000. While equipment is mobilized in this area, PacifiCorp also proposes to reclaim the AML area north of the pumphouse area in cooperation with the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program. The 10 year bond responsibility period should only be held on the 1.56 pumphouse acres. The remaining 0.65 AML acres should be the responsibility of the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program.

PacifiCorp proposes to enter into an agreement with the Division that absolves PacifiCorp of all responsibility for reclaiming the additional 0.65 acres. PacifiCorp will commit to reclaiming the area to standards established by AML. It is the policy at PacifiCorp to return mined lands to a condition better than originally found. This can be accomplished through cooperation between our two parties.

We are anxious to hear the Divisions' comments or other ideas so that reclamation can commence in the early spring of 2000. When an agreement is in place, a reclamation plan for the entire 2.21 acres will be submitted.

Sincerely,



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