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DIVISION OF
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Mr. George A. Morris
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Manti-LaSal National Forest
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RE: RESPONSE TO INITIAL COMPLETENESS REVIEW (HYDROLOGIC COMMENTS) RILDA CANYON LEASE TRACT, PACIFICORP ELECTRIC OPERATIONS, DEER CREEK MINE, ACT/015/018, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH, USFS LETTERS DATED APRIL 17, 1990 AND JANUARY 7, 1991

Dear Mr. Morris:

Enclosed herein is a detailed response to the hydrologic comments your agency submitted to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on April 17, 1990 and January 7, 1991. Also attached you will find a copy of two (2) reports entitled, "Results of a Resistivity-Induced Polarization Survey: Rilda and Mill Fork Canyons-East Mountain Property" and "Rilda Canyon Pump Testing". These reports are not considered part of the Deer Creek Mine Permit Application Package (PAP), but were supplied to DOGM as support documents for the Hydrologic Section - Volume 9 of the PAP.

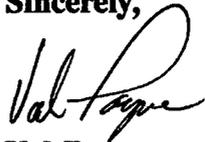
Personnel from your office were invited and attended two informative meetings, held at PacifiCorp's field office during 1991. These meetings were held to discuss the probable hydrologic consequences of the East Mountain Property and included underground mine tours of the Deer Creek Mine to hydrologic points of interest. Concern was expressed during the meetings regarding the need to define the hydrologic gradient in the saturated zone of the Blackhawk/Starpoint north of the Roans Canyon Fault system.

To further enhance the hydrologic model for the East Mountain Property, PacifiCorp will submit to DOGM, a hydrologic investigation program which will include groundwater wells and resistivity-induced polarization surveys in Cottonwood Canyon. This program will provided additional information to address the expressed concern.

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If you have any questions regarding this information or Volume 9 - Hydrologic Section, please contact Chuck Semborski at 653-2312 or 653-2318.

Sincerely,



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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor (DOGM)
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