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RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT CHANGE, INCIDENTAL BOUNDARY CHANGE, FEDERAL COAL LEASES ~~U-47977~~ AND SL-050862, PACIFICORP, DEER CREEK MINE, ACT/015/018-93E, FOLDER #2, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig: *#2*

The Life of Mine Plans maps (Dwg. CM-10857-DR, Plate 3-6 and Dwg. CM-10858-DR, Plate 3-7), included in the above referenced submittal, have created some confusion regarding planned mine layout and sequencing.

The drawings, with title block dates of 10/2/90 and 10/6/90, depict the mine plan associated with the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) currently approved by the BLM. Included in the Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) application was a copy of a request, submitted to the BLM on February 2, 1993, for modification of the approved R2P2. Within the modification application, revised longwall panel locations and sequencing were proposed. The proposed R2P2 modifications were not shown on Plates 3-6 and 3-7 as submitted with the IBC; thus, some confusion has resulted.

Plates 3-6 and 3-7, ten (10) copies of which are transmitted herewith, have been updated to show the proposed R2P2 modifications discussed above. The changes in longwall panel locations and mining sequences reflect mining conditions encountered during penetration of the faulted area north of the Roans Canyon Fault. As discussed in the R2P2 modification, mining plans for the area north of the Roans Canyon fault had to be changed because of additional faults being encountered. The basic changes include:

- 1) Mining on the east side of the Third North "B" Mains;

- 2) **Relocating the longwall panels approximately 400 feet northwesterly along Third North "B" Mains;**
- 3) **Shortening the length of the first longwall panel.**

The proposed mine plan configuration essentially eliminates the potential for subsidence related impacts to the escarpment in Meetinghouse Canyon because the nearest panel is more than 400 feet from the escarpment. Additionally, as stated in the IBC, only entry development mining will occur in the IBC area. In areas where panels are proposed to be mined beneath the Castlegate escarpment, the applicant remains committed to resolving the escarpment concern before longwall extraction will begin.

Upon receipt of BLM approval of the R2P2 modification, an amendment to the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) will be submitted to the Division.

Please use the enclosed maps to replace those previously submitted with the IBC or as supplemental information to be added to the IBC. Please determine which you feel will be most effective in reducing any confusion.

The information presented herein was discussed with Manti LaSal Forest personnel on May 13, 1993. My understanding from the meeting is that this information addresses the concerns presented in their letter of April 29. A courtesy copy of this submittal is being provided to the personnel at the Forest Service Office in Price.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please call me at 653-2312.

Sincerely,



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Sr. Environmental Engineer**

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