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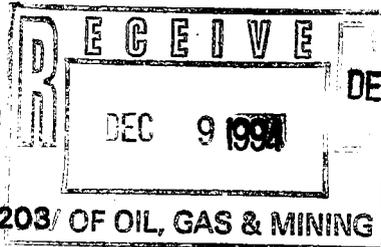
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Re: Rilda Canyon Lease Extension, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018-94A

Dear Mr. Haddock:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recommended to your office in a letter dated February 28, 1991, approval of the subject mine plan modification. The approval for full extraction longwall mining under the Rilda Canyon escarpment was contingent upon ongoing studies to determine the possible impacts to the escarpment from longwall mining subsidence.

The BLM has determined that the proposed mining plan submitted by PacifiCorp, which includes the mining under the escarpment, will not significantly impact the surface and will be in compliance with the Forest Service lease stipulations.

We have determined that the subject plans are consistent with the R2P2 that was evaluated in 1991, which is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, Federal lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery. We recommend approval of the R2P2 for this permit action.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact George Tetreault at 637-4584.

Sincerely,

District Manager

Enclosure

Copy of Letter to UDOGM dated 02/28/91 (2pp)

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