



February 14, 1997

Mr. Don Stephens
Geologist
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Price Office
125 South 600 West

Dear Mr. Stephens:

**RE: EAST MOUNTAIN and RILDA CANYON SURFACE DRILLING
APPLICATION; FEDERAL COAL LEASES U-084923, U-084924, U-06039;
PACIFICORP, EAST MOUNTAIN and RILDA CANYON, EMERY COUNTY,
UTAH**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits four (4) copies of the East Mountain and Rilda Canyon Surface Drilling Plan, in accordance with 43 CFR 3482(a).

PacifiCorp proposes to conduct a 2-phase minor coal exploration surface drilling program on the top of East Mountain and in the right fork of Rilda Canyon. Each phase of drilling has a different objective. Phase 1 consists of 5 proposed surface rotary holes drilled from the top of East Mountain to explore a potentially troublesome area of reserves west of the Deer Creek Mine. Phase 2 will consist of a row of 6 shallow core holes drilled from the road in the bottom of the right fork of Rilda Canyon to locate and determine the offset of the "Mill Fork" fault zone which crosses the canyon in this area.

PacifiCorp desires to complete the drilling during 1997 field season; therefore, your immediate consideration of this proposal is respectfully requested.

If you require any additional information please call me at (801)687-4720.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Semborski
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

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~~James A. Semborski~~
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