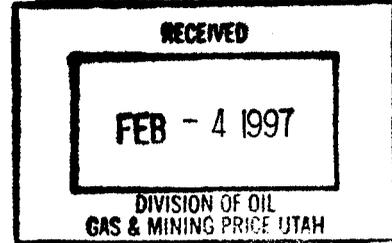




February 3, 1997

Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attention: Mr. Pete Hess



**Re: AMENDMENT: DEER CREEK PERMIT, NORTH RILDA AREA,
PACIFICORP, DEER CREEK MINE, ACT/015/018, EMERY COUNTY,
UTAH.**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith submits an amendment to the Deer Creek Mine Permit. Specifically, to be included as North Rilda Area, Volume 11, of the permit.

INTRODUCTION STATEMENT

PacifiCorp is proposing to expand its mining operations. This expansion would involve increasing the size of the Deer Creek permit area by 1,960 acres. Because of its northern location relative to the existing permit area and Rilda Canyon, the proposed new area of expansion is simply called the "North Rilda Area".

All disturbance to the North Rilda Area will be through underground mining activities. No surface disturbance is planned for the area. Additionally, mining expansion into the North Rilda Area was anticipated early in the permitting process. Because of this, the North Rilda Area was included in many of the baseline studies and on many of the mine permit maps i.e. geology, hydrology, soils, vegetation, land use, surface and subsurface ownership, and permit area maps. Because the area has already been included in previous studies and maps, the permit application to incorporate the expansion area into the permit has been simplified.

COAL MINE PERMITTING, APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please find the following, within Volume 11 as submitted, to cover the minimum requirements within the coal mining regulations: Introduction, General, Soils, Biology, Land Use and Air Quality, Engineering, Geology, Hydrology, and Bonding.

All sections of the expansion of North Rilda Area have been addressed and are incorporated into Volume 11, which will be part of the MRP for the Deer Creek Mine.

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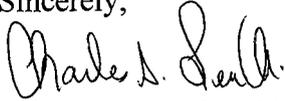
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Thank you for your help and assistance in finalizing this amendment. If there are any questions or concerns with this submittal please contact Charles A. Semborski at 687-4720 or Bob Willey at 687-4825.

Sincerely,



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