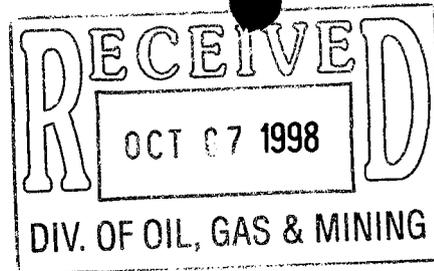


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ACT/015/018 #2
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Attn: Daron Haddock

Re: Extension Request for Submitting Highwall Elimination Amendment to the Deer Creek Mine MRP, 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, hereby submits a request to extend period in which to submit the amendment to the Deer Creek MRP for the elimination of the highwalls. A conceptual plan was outlined in the mid-term deficiency response dated August 7, 1998. This plan was reviewed and found to comply with the requirements for the elimination of highwalls.

Energy West requests that the amendment submittal be extended until June 1, 1998 [?] It is our intention to submit a completely revised reclamation plan at that time. The plan will include cut and fill calculations for the Deer Creek Mine disturbed area. Bond amounts will also be revised to reflect the OSM Handbook for Calculation of Reclamation Bond Amounts. These calculations are deficient in the reclamation plan as it stands.

In order to revise the current reclamation plan, the mine site will need to be resurveyed. From these surveys, new base maps will be drawn. As you probably realize, these types of surveys are very time consuming and labor intensive. The time will be well spent as new cross-sections will be constructed to sequence each stage of the reclamation activities, from start to finish. The new plan will give a better estimation of the quantity of material that will be moved and placed in order to return the mine site to its approximate original contour.

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It is our goal at Energy West, to have a complete Mine Reclamation Plan that leaves no questions to our operation. I look forward to working with Wayne Western in reformatting Deer Creek Mine reclamation costs to reflect the OSM guidelines. If you have any questions or comments to the above request, please call me at your convenience at (435) 687-4720.

Sincerely,



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