

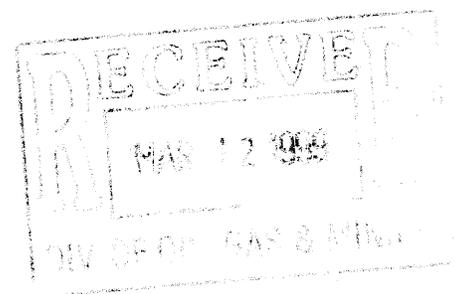
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Attention: Ms. Pamel Grubaugh-Littig

**RE: Rilda Canyon Surface Facility Access, Deer Creek Mine, PacifiCorp, ACT/015/018, #2**  
**Emery County, Utah**

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Deer Creek Mine is completing longwall mining activities off the 3rd North Mains. Mining activities are anticipated to be completed in this area around the end of March 1999 or the first part of April 1999. Upon completion, longwall mining will resume in the North Rilda Area of the Deer Creek Mine. Mining in this area should commence sometime during the middle of April 1999.

Longwall mining activities in the North Rilda Area of the mine will increase the high pressure water system requirements in the area. Results from computer simulations indicated that the existing pumps located at the Rilda surface facilities would provide adequate water pressure and flow to meet fire fighting and production requirements. However, actual pump performance indicates that the Rilda pumps are not providing the desired results in the North Rilda area. The Rilda Canyon surface high pressure pumps need to be modified to meet the desired flow and pressure requirements now required in North Rilda.

Pump manufacturer representatives can perform the required modification to the pumps on site at the Rilda pump house. However, this will require the use of specialized equipment and tools transported by the manufacture's representative service truck. The service truck will need to use the Rilda Canyon access road to transport the necessary tools and equipment to the Rilda surface facilities and pump house.

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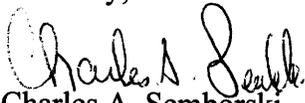
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Energy West Mining Company is requesting permission to use the Rilda Canyon Access Road to facilitate the required modification to the Rilda High Pressure Water Pumps. Tentative dates for access would be April 5, 1999 through April 16, 1999. These dates are dependent upon and must coincide with the longwall move from the 3rd North area of the mine to the Rilda Canyon area of the mine. In conjunction with the use of the Rilda Canyon Road, snow removal from the road will be required. Snow removal from the road should take place as soon as possible to allow the road to dry prior to use by vehicular traffic.

If you have any questions please call me at (435) 687-4720 or Bob Willey at (435) 687-4722.

Sincerely,



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Geology/Environmental Supervisor