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Utah Coal Program
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Attn: Daron Haddock

Subject: Extension Request for Responding to the Deficiencies for the Revision to Reclamation Plan, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018-AM99Cmery County, Utah

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits a request to respond to the deficiencies of the above referenced amendment. The deficiency response was due by July 14 2000.

On April 3, 2000, Energy West contracted RB&G Engineering to conduct slope stability analysis on several proposed reclamation slopes at the Deer Creek Mine. These investigations were conducted as planned along with soil sampling at these same locations. However, neither the stability report nor the soil sampling analysis was received in our office until the last week of June, 2000. These were major deficiencies noted in the March 13th Technical Analysis.

During the first part of July, 2000, Energy West commenced exploration drilling operations in Rilda Canyon and remote portal reclamation of two Des-Bee-Dove Mine portals. These projects interfered with our ability to respond to the deficiencies of the reclamationn by the due date. Therefore, Energy West is requesting a 30 day extension to respond to the March 13, 2000 deficiencies. We realize the Division is anxious to put the highwall issue at the Deer Creek Mine to rest. However, an extension is necessary to accurately address the deficiencies of the TA.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825 or myself at (435) 687-4720.

Sincerely,

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