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**Attn: Susan White (Acting Permit Supervisor)****Re: Permit Renewal for the 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 an application for permit renewal for the Deer Creek Mine. The current permit term expires February, 5, 2001. The said application conforms to the requirements set forth in R645-300-120 and R645-303-230 of the State of Utah R645- Coal Mining Rules and Regulations, revised May 1, 1998.

As required in R645-303-232.250 and R645-301-830.300, the Means Historical Cost Index has been escalated to the year 2006. The appropriate table is enclosed with this application. Also enclosed with this application is a proposed public notice, certificate of liability insurance, and evidence of a performance bond in effect for the operation required by R645-300-232.

Historically, the Division has requested that an updated officer and director list and an updated NOV list be included with permit renewals. The information is attached with this submittal.

In reviewing the Deer Creek Mine permit renewal, the Division should consider the special condition #3 in Attachment A. This condition requires PacifiCorp to receive consent from the surface managing agency before mining in the North Rilda Lease area. The special conditional reads as follows:

*Mining in the "North Rilda Lease" area is authorized to the extent that the Surface Managing agency (U.S. Forest Service) has provided consent, per letters dated July 3, 1997 and July 15, 1997.*

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the Forest Service required the permittee to commit to six requirements as per their analysis of impacts associated with potential failure of sandstone outcrops (escarpments) on the south side of the Mill Fork Canyon. PacifiCorp has committed to the six

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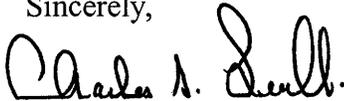
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requirements and has received consent from the U.S. Forest Service through the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact signed by then Forest Supervisor, Janette Kaiser, on November 1, 1999. Therefore, the special condition #3 in Attachment A should be removed from the Deer Creek Mine permit.

At the Division's determination of completeness, PacifiCorp will submit an amendment to update the Means Historical Cost Index to the year 2006. PacifiCorp will also update the surety bond to cover the escalated reclamation costs. Enclosed are three (3) copies of the permit renewal application. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact myself at (435) 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

Sincerely,



Chuck Semborski  
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

Enclosures - Means Cost Index  
Public Notice  
Certificate of Liability  
Evidence of Performance Bond  
Officer List  
NOV List

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Cc: Scott Child (IMC w/o enclosures)  
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