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COMMENTS: PROPOSED UNDERGROUND MINE SEALING, DEER CREEK MINE, 1ST SOUTH MAINS.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT SCHEDULED FOR 5/11/2001
MEET @ DEER CREEK MINE @ 8:30

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (687-4720).

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May 3, 2001

Mr. Richard Manus
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Subject: PROPOSED UNDERGROUND MINE SEALING PROJECT; 1ST SOUTH MAINS (SOUTH OF MAIN WEST) DEER CREEK MINE. PROPOSED PROJECT IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEMPORARY-CESSATION OF OPERATIONS AND SEALING OF THE WILBERG MINE [DC COAL TRANSFER SYSTEM] ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY; HUNTINGTON, UTAH.

Mr. Manus:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Interwest Mining Company ("Interwest") as managing agent and Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby requests approval from the BLM authorized officer [in accordance with 43 CFR 3484.1(c)(7)] to permanently seal and abandon the portion of the Deer Creek Mine in the area comprising the 1st South Mains, south of Main West, included within federal coal lease SL-070645 / U-02292. *Please find attached general arrangement drawings regarding the area of reference along with proposed seal locations for the above referenced project.*

With the completion of the 1st Right longwall panel at the Trail Mountain Mine in early March / 2001, Energy West Mining Company began mine recovery and temporary portal sealing operations at the adjoining Wilberg / Cottonwood facility. This action precluded any further service of the 1st South Deer Creek / 1st North / 1.5 North Wilberg underground coal transfer system. Therefore, sealing of the 1st South Mains, south of Main West, in the Deer Creek Mine is proposed. Preliminary time frame of final recovery and sealing of the 1st South workings is scheduled for May 17, 2001, in conjunction with the on-going sealing operations at the Wilberg Mine.

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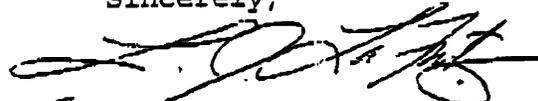
PacifiCorp submits that the proposed sealing and abandonment is in compliance with the terms, conditions and stipulations of the referenced lease. In support of this project we submit that the following conditions have been or will be fully satisfied:

- (1) All practical and economical coal reserves have been mined from this area in accordance with the approved R2P2 and it's subsequent minor modifications.
- (2) All associated equipment, machinery and materials will be recovered from this area with the exception of some mine power feeder cable and steel pipe (See reference below).
- (3) A complete underground environmental audit of this area will be scheduled for May 11, 2001. Representatives of BLM, DOGM, and Energy West will conduct and document a full site audit of the referenced area.

Site recovery will include, but not be limited to, removal of the in-place conveyor drive equipment, conveyor belt / structure, portions of the mine power feeder cables, monitoring cables, sensors, and PVC discharge pipe. Recovery exceptions are to include installed primary and secondary roof and rib support materials, general miscellaneous mine supplies and/or hardware items, in-place 4" steel water supply pipe (approximately 4000 ft. total) and some sections of in-place 8kv high-voltage electrical distribution cable (approximately 8000 ft. total). The material and equipment items identified for in-place abandonment have minimal commercial value due to present service condition and are evaluated to not be reasonable or economical to recover. The decision to abandon materials in-place is made with full consideration to the absence of any short term or long term effect to present and/or future underground or surface resources and/or operations. As discussed above, prior to final site sealing, a joint environmental audit of all site specific underground workings will be conducted by the applicable governmental agencies and Energy West to verify and document the type, amount and location of all remaining in-place abandoned materials.

Due to the urgent nature of this project, timely review and concurrence by the Authorized Officer will allow Energy West to finalize project plans and scheduling. If you have any questions or require additional information and/or detail, please contact Larry LaFrentz [Energy West] at (435) 687-4726.

Sincerely,



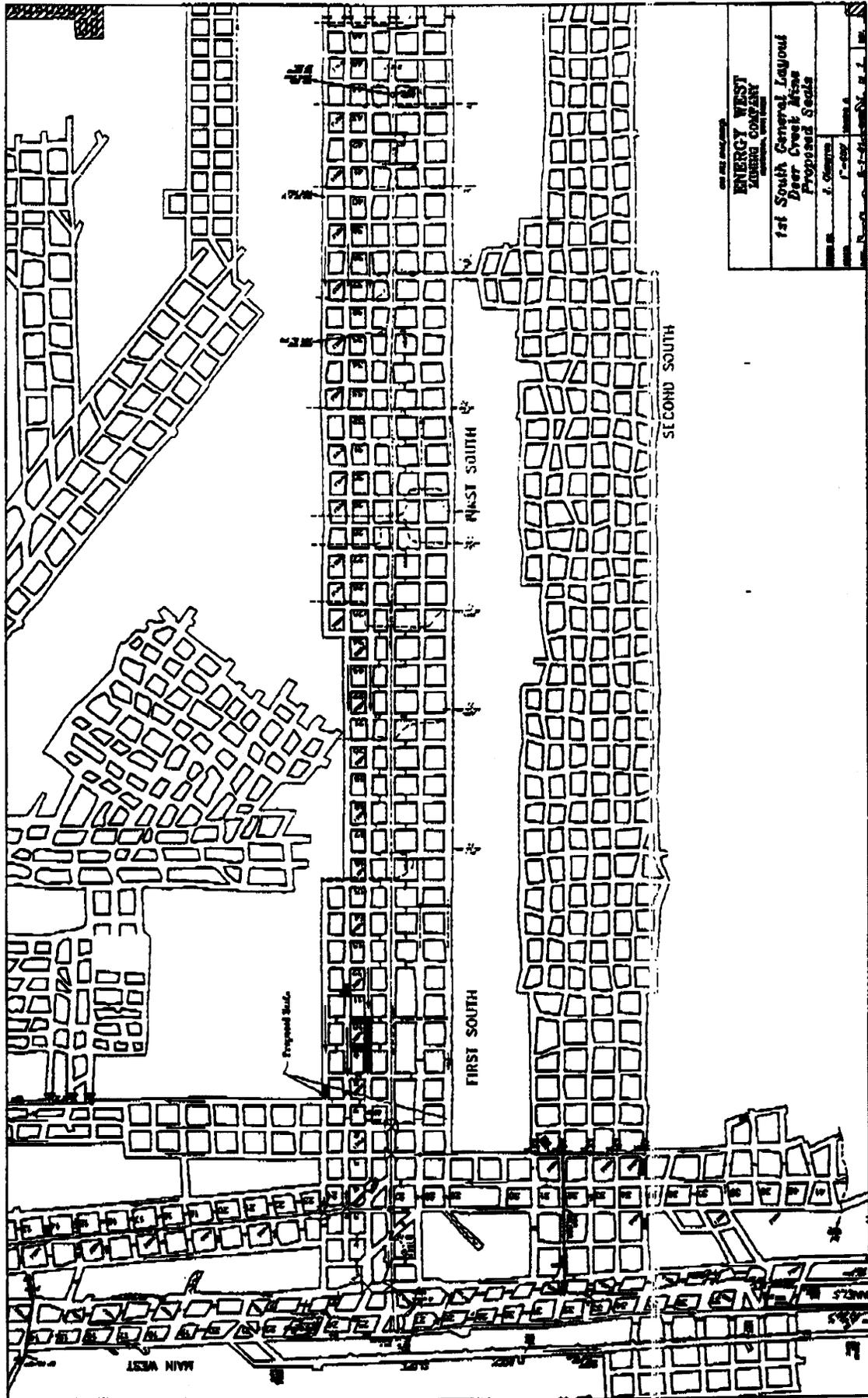
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Two (2) Enclosures;

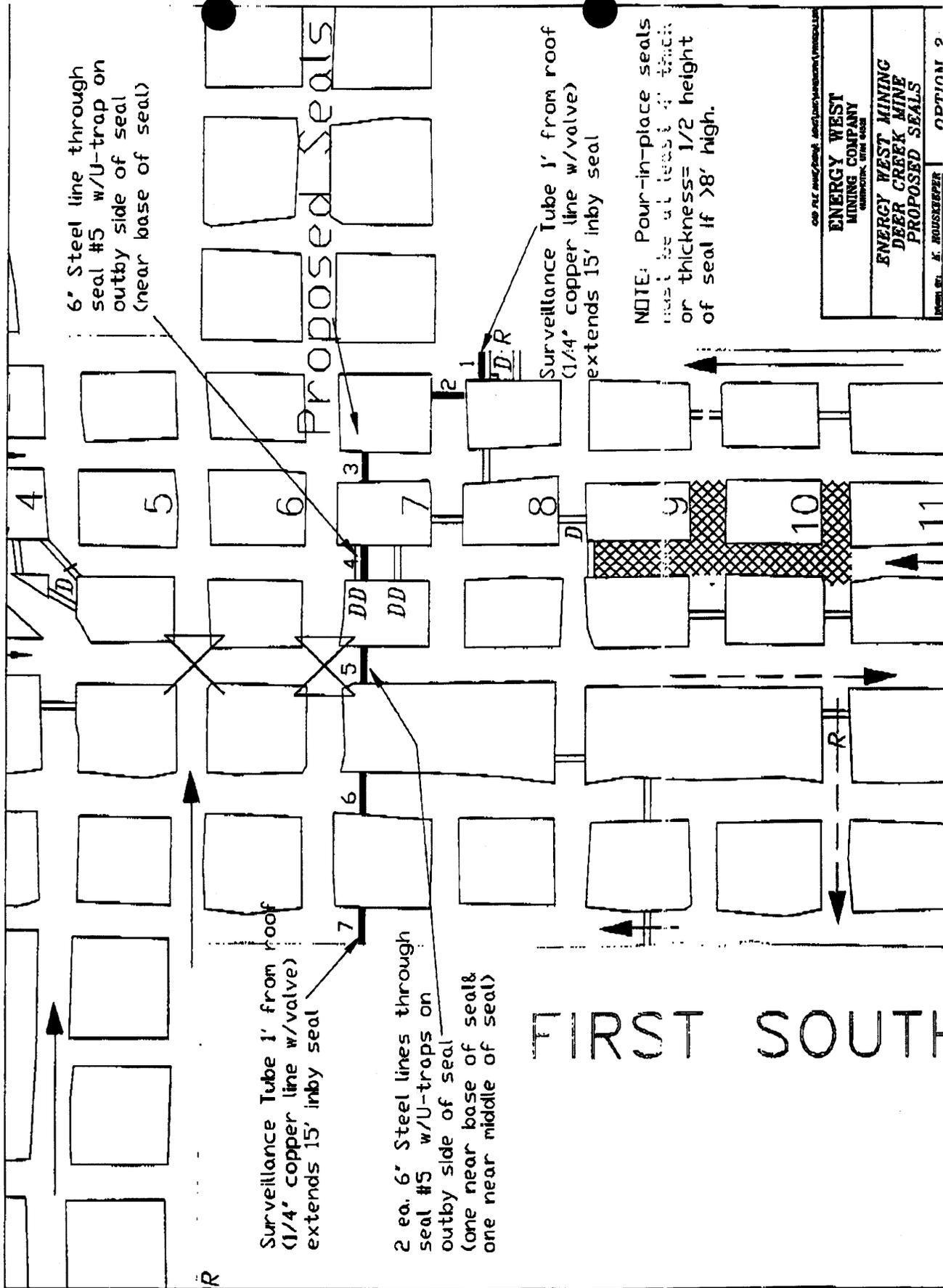
Enclosure #1: 1st SOUTH GENERAL LAYOUT AND LOCATION OF PROPOSED SEALS, DEER CREEK MINE; 1:500 SCALE (DATED 05/01/01).

Enclosure #2: ENERGY WEST MINING; DEER CREEK MINE; PROPOSED 1st SOUTH SEALS; OPTION #2; 1:100 SCALE (DATED 04/27/01)

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ENERGY WEST MINING DIVISION	
1st South General Layout Deer Creek Mine Proposed Streets	
DATE	1-2001
BY	J. GIBSON
CHECKED BY	J. GIBSON
SCALE	AS SHOWN



6" Steel line through seal #5 w/U-trap on outby side of seal (near base of seal)

Surveillance Tube 1' from roof (1/4" copper line w/valve) extends 15' inby seal

2 ea. 6" Steel lines through seal #5 w/U-traps on outby side of seal (one near base of seal & one near middle of seal)

Surveillance Tube 1' from roof (1/4" copper line w/valve) extends 15' inby seal

NOTE: Pour-in-place seals must be at least 4" thick or thickness = 1/2 height of seal if >8' high.

CAD FILE: MINE/PROP/SEALS/PROPSEALS.DWG
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DEER CREEK MINE
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