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Subject: **Lease term and condition modification request:  
Removal of machinery (9<sup>th</sup> East longwall conveyor pan sections)  
Deer Creek Mine: Federal Lease U-0639**

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 submits the following request to modify the current lease terms and conditions of Federal lease U-06039 (specifically removal of machinery), to allow for the abandonment of longwall face conveyor line and in the 9<sup>th</sup> East gate road entries (see Enclosure #1).

The 9<sup>th</sup> East longwall face is currently scheduled for final extraction in late August / early September of this year. This longwall system is made up of hydraulic roof supports, face conveyor drives, face conveyor line pans, stageloader, crusher, belt tailpiece and face electrics. All existing equipment, **with the exception of the longwall conveyor line pans**, is planned for full recovery prior to completion of operations and permanent abandonment of Federal Lease U - 06039.

Interwest formally requests approval from the Authorized Officer, with concurrence from the surface managing agency(s) and regulatory authority(s), to abandon approximately (46) 3 pan sections of the existing American Longwall face conveyor in available entry cross-cuts of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> East gate roads (see Enclosure #1). The total length of the conveyor is ~680' long.

The equipment recommended for abandonment consists of 140 conveyor line pan sections which measure 1500mm long x 1 m wide with face side and gob side accessories consisting of toe plates, clevises, cable trays, bretby tray, spill plates, dynatrac castings, conveyor chain and flight bars. All conveyor drive frames and drive components are scheduled for full recovery. No hoses, cables, lubricants and/or oils of any kind are requested to be included in the abandoned equipment.

Energy West has made reasonable efforts to economically recover and salvage the referenced face conveyor line pans prior to final panel extraction. However, the equipment has reached its service life and the current market salvage prices does not warrant recovery and transportation of the equipment. A similar request of abandonment for another face conveyor was made in November of 2000 and after research by UDOGM was concluded, there were no findings of long term consequence and was approved for abandonment.

Energy West makes the above request based on full consideration to the absence of any short term or long term effect of proposed abandonment to present and / or future underground or surface resources and / or operations.

Your attention to this request is appreciated and if there are any questions, please contact Carl Pollastro at Energy West at 687-4701.

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Denise original  
Ashley called  
on 7/19/01 to  
state UDOGM could  
have price.

Sincerely,



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One (1) enclosure

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ENCLOSURE #1 -  
9th EAST LONGWALL  
RAILLINE ABANDONMENT

PROPOSED STORAGE SITES  
FOR ABANDONED LONGWALL RAILLINE

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