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FAX letter to
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**RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT MINOR COAL EXPLORATION -
UTAH STATE COAL LEASE ML-48258; PACIFICORP, ENERGY WEST
MINING CO., EMERY COUNTY, UTAH**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits three (3) copies of the Notice of Intention to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration - Utah State Coal Lease ML-48258. One copy of the application was directly sent to the Price Field Office.

Energy West proposes to conduct a helicopter assisted minor coal surface exploration drilling program during the 2002 field season. The project will consist of eight (8) core holes drilled in Crandall and Mill Fork Canyons and Joes Valley to analyze seam characteristics and thickness. The proposed drill holes are located within the current Utah State Coal Lease ML-48258, in Sections 10, 12, 13, 15, and 22 of Township 16 South, Range 6 East, and Sections 6 and 7, Township 16 South, Range 7 East Salt Lake Base and Meridian. The drilling will occur on lands in which the surface is administered the United States Forest Service (U.S.F.S.) and the subsurface by the State of Utah. The proposed holes will be drilled in Crandall Canyon (EM-178, EM-179), Mill Fork Canyon (EM-180, EM-181, EM-182), tributaries to Huntington Canyon, and un-named drainages in Joes Valley (EM-183, EM-184, EM-185) which report to Indian Creek in Emery County, Utah.

Recently, Energy West has successfully utilized helicopter supported drilling in and adjacent to the Mill Fork Lease. Exploration was conducted in steep terrain in Mill Fork Canyon and in Joes Valley in remote areas where road construction was unfeasible. Energy West has strategically selected the proposed drill hole locations to minimize environmental impacts and to maximize geologic data. As outlined in the Notice of Intention, no site preparation (building roads or drill pads) will be necessary. Energy West goes to great extents to minimize environmental impacts, including selecting minimal impact drilling techniques, selecting easily reclaimable sites,

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protecting existing vegetation with a protective cover, selecting drill equipment that can be leveled without excavating the ground, and complete cleanup and reclamation of drill sites.

If you require any additional information please call me at (435) 687-4720.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Semborski
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

Enclosures (3 copies)

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