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Attachment A

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. If during entry development, sustained quantities of groundwater are encountered which are greater than 5 gpm from a single source in an individual entry, and which continue after operational activities progress beyond the area of groundwater production, PacifiCorp must monitor these flows for quality and quantity under the approved baseline parameters. PacifiCorp will notify the Division within 24 hours prior to initiation of monitoring.
2. This special condition is for normal working circumstances and does not apply in an emergency situation: Vehicle access will not be allowed in Rilda Canyon from December 1 to April 15 for construction, maintenance and/or repair of the Rilda Canyon Surface Facilities without prior written approval from the Division. Access will be allowed to the Rilda Canyon Surface Facilities through the Deer Creek Mine portals.
3. PacifiCorp will submit water quality data for the Deer Creek Mine beginning with data for the second quarter of 2001 in an electronic format through the Electronic Data Input web site, <http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/cgi-bin/appx-ogm.cgi>.
4. Within 30 days of permit issuance, PacifiCorp must correct the discrepancy in the plan (page 5-23 statement indicating that the transmission line will not be undermined vs. mine plan drawings showing mining underneath the line) with regard to undermining the 345KV power line and obtain comments from the power line owners with regard to the mine's proposed mining plan in the vicinity of the power line (R645-301-525.312).

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**RE: Mining in the Vicinity of the Camp William/Four Corners 345 KV Transmission Located Southwestern Portion of the Mill Fork Lease in Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 6 East, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018, Emery County, Utah.**

PacifiCorp, by and through its subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company, received approval to include the Mill Fork Lease within the Deer Creek Mine permit on March 5, 2003. Attached to the permit was a Special Condition which stated that "Within 30 days of permit issuance, PacifiCorp must obtain comments from the power line owners with regard to the mine's proposed mining plan in the vicinity of the power line". The referenced powerline is located in Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 6 East, is referred as the Camp Williams/Four Corners 345 KV Transmission Line.

This transmission line is owned and operated by PacifiCorp and is part of the transmission grid system within the State of Utah.

PacifiCorp's Distribution and Transmission Department acknowledges that coal mining will occur within the vicinity of the powerline. As indicated in the proposed mine plans submitted by Energy West Mining Company; development mining will occur beneath or adjacent to two powerline structures, 1 - rigid four legged steel lattice tower and 1 - two-legged wooded pole H-frame. Based upon over twenty-years of subsidence modeling, no surface disturbance is projected to occur at powerline structures. The surface area affected by mining will occur east of the powerline structures.

As part of the same parent corporation, Energy West Mining Company will coordinate its activities with PacifiCorp's Distribution and Transmission Department to insure the integrity of the power lines.

Sincerely yours,

*Darrell T. Gerrard*  
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 VP-PacifiCorp Transmission Systems

cc: Carl Pollastro, Energy West Mining Company

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core holes along the ridge. ARCO Coal Company reclaimed the road in 1982. A foot / horse trail follows the track of the old road. These trails should not be affected by subsidence.

A single gas well is located within the permit area (Federal #23-32), located near the center of Section 23, T.16 S., R.6E. This is a producing well, with an attached transmission pipeline. The well is near the southern extent of the mine plan. A barrier based on a 15° angle of draw will be left around the well. Accordingly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Left - 3<sup>rd</sup> Left longwall panel will be cut short at the edge of this subsidence barrier. A gas transmission pipeline extends from this well south along forest road #244 for about 2,000 feet, then exits the permit area to the south. The northern end of this pipeline falls within the same subsidence barrier as the well itself. No mining is planned under the pipeline. PacifiCorp commits to coordinating mining activities with Merit Oil Company associated with well Federal #23-32. Six months prior to conducting mining in and adjacent the 15° angle of draw protection zone, PacifiCorp will notify Merit Oil Company to coordinate operational considerations.

Another gas pipeline segment is buried along forest road #017 in the southwest corner of the permit area. This pipeline will not be undermined.

Two power transmission lines are present within the permit area. The largest is the Utah Power 345 KV line that crosses the southwest corner of the permit area in Section 22, T.16S., R.6 E.. About 700 feet of this line crosses over the western end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> West - 3<sup>rd</sup> West Hiawatha longwall panel. As indicated in the proposed mine plans, (refer to Drawing MFS1839D), development mining will occur beneath or adjacent to two powerline structures, 1 - rigid four legged steel lattice tower and 1 - two-legged wooded pole H-frame. Based upon over twenty-

years of subsidence modeling, the affected area as a result of mining will occur east of the powerline structures. This transmission line is owned and operated by Utah Power, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp. This transmission line will not be undermined by full extraction methods.

A second transmission line (25 KV) carries electricity from the lower portion of Mill Fork Canyon over the top of Mill Fork Ridge, and down into Crandall Canyon, to the Genwal Mine. This line crosses the small portion of the permit area that projects eastward (NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 8, T.16S. R.7 E.). This transmission line will not be undermined.

Genwal Coal Company maintains a radio repeater at the Mill Fork summit in Section 7, T.16S. R.7 E.. This repeater will not be undermined.

The Castlegate Sandstone outcrop and escarpment are exposed in several portions of the permit area (See the Pre-Subsidence Survey Map, MFS-1839D). Some of the outcrops to be undermined by second mining are shown in sections 1 and 12, T.16. S., R.6 E., and sections 6 and 7 of T. 16 S., R. 7 E. Subsidence of the Castlegate Sandstone escarpment has caused occasional cliff failures and rock falls in previous mining areas such as Newberry Canyon and Corncob Wash (Cottonwood Mine), Trail Mountain (Trail Mountain Mine 3<sup>rd</sup> East Longwall), and Rilda Canyon (Deer Creek Mine 8<sup>th</sup> West, 7<sup>th</sup> East and 9<sup>th</sup> East Longwalls). The Castlegate Sandstone is also exposed in Upper Joes Valley along the western edge of the permit area. Cliff outcrops of the Castlegate Sandstone are small and infrequent on the Mill Fork Lease. Based on the current mine plan no cliff exposures of the Castlegate Sandstone on the Joes Valley side will be undermined by second mining. The Castlegate Sandstone exposures on the Joes Valley side of the permit area are mostly protected by the 22° angle-of-draw buffer zone to prevent second

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