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Re: Rilda Canyon Proposed Hydrologic Investigation, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine,  
C/015/018, Emery County, Utah

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith submits three copies of a Proposed Hydrologic Investigation Plan for the Right Fork of Rilda Canyon. As a result of expansion of mining operations to the northwest (to include the Mill Fork State Lease #48258), PacifiCorp proposes constructing surface facilities in Rilda Canyon. This includes all support facilities for underground mining operations except coal transportation and handling. Initially, the facilities were proposed in an area disturbed by previous mining operations below Rilda Canyon Springs located in Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 7 East. However, due to concerns related to culverting some 1,500 feet of perennial stream that were expressed by the various governmental agencies, PacifiCorp chose to move the proposed facility site up canyon approximately 1/2 mile. Re-location of the proposed facilities up canyon from the original site places the proposed facilities above and adjacent to Rilda Canyon Springs. To alleviate concerns with the proposed Rilda Canyon Portal Facilities, PacifiCorp and North Emery Water Users Special Service District (NEWUSSD) are investigating re-location of the Rilda Canyon Springs collection system from their current location to the mouth of the right fork of Rilda Canyon above the portal facilities, refer to Map 1.

To determine the feasibility of this area as a spring collection area, PacifiCorp proposes to drill up to a total of seven (7) hydrologic test holes within the Federal Coal U-06039 in the year 2004.

This site was selected for the following reasons;

- ◆ Geologic mapping and review of stratigraphic information indicate that the canyon walls constricts the canyon of the Right Fork between outcrops of the Star Point Sandstone
- ◆ The area has been previously disturbed by a series of roads
- ◆ Flow in the Right Fork of Rilda Canyon dissipates from surface flow to subterranean flow.

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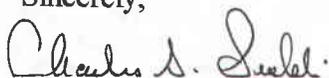
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For ease of reference, this plan follows the format of the applicable portions of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining rules (R645-200 through R645-203) regarding Coal Exploration.

If there are any questions or concerns please call me at (435) 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825. We would be glad to work with you on whatever is needed to allow a timely review of this application.

Sincerely,



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