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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 has been sent directly to the Price Field Office.

Energy West proposes to conduct a helicopter assisted minor coal surface exploration drilling program during the 2005 field season. The proposed drill holes are located within the current Utah State Coal Lease ML-48258, in Sections 11, 22, and 23, Township 16 South, Range 6 East, Salt Lake Base and Meridian. The drilling will occur on lands in which the surface is administered by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service (USFS) and the subsurface by the State of Utah (see accompanying drilling application maps entitled Mill Fork Coal Lease - Coal Exploration - General Location Maps, Aerial Photos, Surface Ownership Map, Coal Ownership Map).

The proposed holes will be drilled in Cottonwood Canyon (2005 1-4 ), tributary to Cottonwood Creek, and un-named drainages (2005-6) which report to Indian Creek, all in Emery County, Utah. The staging area for these holes will be in Upper Joes Valley and Flat Canyon or in the lower end of Mill Fork Canyon (see Raptor Locations, Helicopter Flight Paths and Staging Areas map).

Over the past ten years, 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.

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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, 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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