



RECEIVED

JUN 16 2005

DIV. OF OIL, GAS &amp; MINING

Hand Delivered

June 10, 2005

Utah Coal Program  
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
 P.O. Box 145801  
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

*Johnson*  
*C/015/0018*

Subject: **Addendum to the May 31, 2005 Submittal, Volume 11 Rilda Canyon Portal Facilities, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018, Task ID 2195, Emery County, Utah**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits an addendum to the May 31, 2005 Volume 11 Rilda Canyon Portal Facilities amendment. This addendum includes the Rilda Canyon Road - Temporary Suspension approved by Emery County (refer to attached chronology related North Rilda amendment process).

The following information is included:

- ◆ Volume 11 R645-301-500 Engineering Section:  
- Replace pages 9 and 10
- ◆ Volume 11 Appendix Volume: Engineering Section
  - Appendix B: Replace divider pages
  - Appendix B: Remove MSHA Approval divider page
  - Appendix B: Add Agreement #2

Attached with this document are the six (6) copies as required along with the required C2 forms for the correct placement of the amended text into the MRP.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this document, please contact myself at (435) 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

Sincerely,

*Charles A. Semborski*

Charles A. Semborski  
 Manger Permitting/Geology

Enclosure: Volume 11 Engineering Section, Rilda Canyon Road - Temporary Suspension approval  
 C2 Forms  
 Cc: Doug Johnson (EWMC, w/o encl.)  
 File

## CHRONOLOGY OF NORTH RILDA CANYON PORTAL FACILITIES

- + July 1997, PacifiCorp received approval to expand its mining operations to include the North Rilda Area.
  
- + PacifiCorp acquired the Mill Fork Lease and entered into a COAL MINING LEASE AND AGREEMENT with the State of Utah on April 1, 1999. The coal tract as described in the lease contains approximately 5,562.82 acres, more or less. With the leasing of the Mill Fork Tract in 1999, PacifiCorp controls through ownership and leasing certain fee coal lands together with assigned federal coal leases nearly 30,000 acres of contiguous minable property located in Emery County, Utah. PacifiCorp submitted an application to include the Mill Fork Lease within the Deer Creek Mine permit in November 2001. The application was approved on March 5, 2003. This expansion involved increasing the acreage of the Deer Creek permit by 5,562.82 acres. Because of the geographic location, the proposed new area of expansion is referred to as the "Mill Fork Permit Area", refer to Volume 12.
  
- + Mine plans were developed based on results of the coal exploration programs to access to the Mill Fork lease through a set of main entries developed in the Hiawatha seam driven in a westerly direction along the southern most lease boundary.
  
- + PacifiCorp evaluated long term options to improve overall underground transportation and economic considerations.
  - Options investigated included:
    - Acquisition of Crandall Canyon Mine
    - New portal facilities in Mill Fork Canyon
    - New portal facilities in Rilda Canyon
      - In-seam horizontal drilling was conducted to evaluate potential location of portal facilities.
  - As a result of extensive investigation, PacifiCorp selected Rilda Canyon as the best option based on the following:
    - Environmental Considerations
    - Facilities are located in an area previously disturbed by mining
    - Surface facilities are designed to accommodate men and materials only. Coal mined from the Hiawatha (lower) and Blind Canyon (upper) seams will continue to be shipped through the existing Deer Creek mine workings to the portal in Deer Creek Canyon. From this point, the coal will be transported to the Huntington Power Plant coal storage area via the existing overland beltline. Only surplus production beyond the Huntington Plant needs will be trucked on the highway from the plant.
    - Engineering Considerations
    - Facilities designed to minimize surface disturbance (only 13.1 acres of which 4.4 acres have been previously disturbed [roads and historical mining])

## CHRONOLOGY OF NORTH RILDA CANYON PORTAL FACILITIES

Page Two

June 10, 2005

- Utilization of existing infrastructures (roads, powerline)
- + PacifiCorp submitted an application (Volume 11) on November 4, 2003 for a 10.2-acre facilities pad in Rilda Canyon for miners and materials access. The facilities were proposed in an area disturbed by previous mining operations. This application was withdrawn, largely because of anticipated problems in getting permits to place 1,500 feet of Rilda Creek into a large diameter culvert.
- + On September 2, 2004, the PacifiCorp submitted a revised application for the facilities pad area in a new location, approximately ½ mile farther up the canyon, near the intersection of the Right and Left forks of Rilda Canyon. Relocation of the facilities will not require culverting of the Rilda Creek.

The proposed North Rilda Portal Facilities consisted of two separate areas. The main facilities will consist of 9 acres, with an additional 3.13 acres (outside the current permit boundary) for soil and subsoil storage down the canyon, a total disturbed area of 12.13 acres. This will bring the total disturbed area for Rilda Canyon, including the Left Fork fan area, to 14.46 acres and total disturbed area for the Deer Creek Mine to 96.47 acres: the total permit area remains unchanged at 22,769.06 acres.
- + The Division responded with the Administrative Completeness Review on October 11, 2004 and followed up with the Technical Analysis document on October 19, 2004. The Division determined the application incomplete during there review and required Energy West to supply more detailed information.
- + During permit review meetings held on November 1-2, 2004, regulatory agencies requested that PacifiCorp review the current application and relocate the soil storage piles within the permit boundary utilizing areas previously disturbed by historic mining.
- + On December 6, 2004, to simplify revisions to Volume 11: Deer Creek Mine North Rilda Portal Facilities, PacifiCorp requested that the September 2, 2004 amendment be withdrawn from public record.
- + PacifiCorp, on December 21, 2004, re-submitted a completely revised application (Volume 11) for the Rilda Canyon Facilities with topsoil and subsoil piles located within the permit area.
- + On March 1, 2005, PacifiCorp received a list of deficiencies related to the December 21, 2004 submitted, which included U.S. Forest Service comments. Response to the deficiencies due by April 1, 2005.

## **CHRONOLOGY OF NORTH RILDA CANYON PORTAL FACILITIES**

**Page Three**

**June 10, 2005**

- + On March 31, 2005, PacifiCorp amended Volume 11 to address deficiencies cited in the March 1, 2005 technical analysis.
- + On April 12, 2005, PacifiCorp submitted additional revisions to address several oversites to the March 31, 2005 application.
- + On May 10, 2005, PacifiCorp received a list of deficiencies related to the March 31, 2005 submitted, which included U.S. Forest Service comments. Response to the deficiencies due by June 10, 2005.
- + On May 31, 2005, PacifiCorp amended Volume 11 to address deficiencies cited in the May 10, 2005 technical analysis.

