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Mr. Charles M. Semborski  
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Energy West Mining Co.  
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Huntington, UT 84528

RE: Revised Start-up Dates  
Proposed Exploration Drilling 2006  
Coal Lease ML 48258 (Mill Fork Tract)

Dear Mr. Semborski:

Trust lands is in receipt of your letter of February 14, 2006, requesting to move the start-up date to May 15<sup>th</sup> for 2006 exploration drilling planned upon the SITLA Mill Fork coal tract.

I understand that operations within the Deer Creek Mine are currently "ramping up" to the Blind Canyon Seam within the Mill Fork tract and that the proposed 2006 drilling program is critical in planning for maximum economic recovery of the coal reserves. I also understand that due to the large number of drill-holes needed and the relatively short drilling season at such high elevations in the mountains, it is essential that operations commence on or around May 15 in order to complete the required drilling and reclamation work this year.

Energy West Mining Company is authorized to access and explore coal resources within the SITLA Mill Fork coal tract as a designated operator of Pacificorp under coal lease #ML 48248. The Trust Lands Administration endorses the earlier, May 15<sup>th</sup>, proposed startup date for 2006 exploration drilling upon the SITLA Muddy coal tract and encourages all other effected government agencies to timely issue permits for this project. Questions or comments regarding this matter may be directed to me at (801)538-5152.

Sincerely,

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