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Subject: Mine Plan Determinations - Deer Creek & Dugout

Attached are OSM's final decisions regarding the need for Mining Plan Modifications for the above subject. A signed copies will be sent to you in today's mail.

In accordance with the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 740.13(d), other Federal agencies that may have an interest in, or jurisdiction over, the above subject operation have also been notified of OSM's decision electronically.

No responses to this transmittal are necessary.

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April 20, 2006

Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining
Coal Regulatory Program
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RE: PacifiCorp "Cottonwood/Wilberg, Des-Bee-Dove, and Deer Creek" Mines - Application
for a Permit Revision, Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, Task ID
No. 2477

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining's (UT-DOGM) April 14, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information has determined that it proposes to add a new tab entitled "BLM Approvals" to Supplemental Volume 1 of the approved permit application package for the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine, Utah State permit C/015/019, the Des-Bee-Dove mine, Utah State permit C/015/017, and the Deer Creek mine, Utah State permit C/015/018 to contain lease relinquishment approvals.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the April 14, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated April 17, 2006, the U.S. Forest service stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

In an electronic transmittal dated April 19, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Manager, Northwest Branch

cc: BLM - Utah State Office
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April 20, 2006

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RE: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. - "Dugout Canyon" Mine - Application for a Permit Revision, Soil Borrow Area Report, Task ID No. 2486

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining's (UT-DOGM) April 14, 2006, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Soil Borrow Area Report, has determined that it proposes to add the Soil Borrow Area Report to the approved permit application package for the Dugout Canyon mine, Utah State permit C/007/039.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Soil Borrow Area Report, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the April 14, 2006, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated April 17, 2006, the U.S. Forest service stated it had no

comments or concerns with the permit revision.

In an electronic transmittal dated April 19, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management stated in its opinion the permit revision did not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

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