

# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

## Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Priscilla W. Burton, Environmental Scientist/Soils, Team Lead

FROM: James D. Smith, Environmental Scientist/Hydrology

RE: Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, Permit C/015/018, Task ID #2477

### **SUMMARY:**

This amendment adds three BLM lease relinquishment decision documents to Supplemental Volume 1, Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, which is a confidential volume common to the MRP's of all three PacifiCorp mines on East Mountain, Deer Creek, Des Bee Dove, and Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines. The documents are to be inserted at the BLM Approval tab.

### **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

## **GENERAL CONTENTS**

### **RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 778.15; R645-301-114

### **Analysis:**

Since April 1992, PacifiCorp, through Energy West Mining Company, has requested partial relinquishment of several federal coal leases. The BLM previously approved the partial lease relinquishments shown in the following table. Effective dates vary and correspond with the dates of the original requests.

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Date on BLM documents		Acres	
April 24, 1992	SL – 064607-064621	293.92	
	SL-066116	160.00	
	U-02664	240.00	
	U – 024319	40.00	
	U- 47978	1,347.31	
	U47979	<u>180.00</u>	
		2,261.23	Subtotal
February 17, 2004	U-066116	360.00	
February 20, 2004	SL-070645-U-02292	250.00	
	U-02664	140.00	
	SL-064607-064621	0.00	
	U-47978	1,820.00	
	U-1358	<u>160.00</u>	
		2,730.00	Subtotal
June 24, 2004	SL-064607-064621	<u>150.00</u>	Subtotal
		5,141.23	Total

On March 8, 2006, the BLM accepted relinquishment of 2,490.00 additional acres, effective April 30, 1997. For these five leases, 6,437 acres remain leased. These relinquishments do not change the respective permit area boundaries. To date, 7,631.23 acres of federal coal have been relinquished.

Date on BLM documents		Acres	
March 8, 2006	SL-070645-U-02292	1,240.00	
	UTU-084923	450.00	
	UTU-1358	40.00	
	UTU-040151	700.00	
	UTU-083066	<u>60.00</u>	
		2,490.00	Total

Copies of the BLM decision documents are to be inserted into the Supplemental Volume 1, Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, which is a confidential volume common to the MRP's of the Deer Creek, Cottonwood/Wilberg, and Des Bee Dove Mines. The documents are to be inserted at the BLM Approval tab. The only action required of the Division is insertion of these pages into the MRP.

Right of Entry information for the Deer Creek Mine has been determined adequate under the discussion of Right of Entry in the latest Deer Creek Mine Master TA, dated May 8, 2006.

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Right of Entry information for the Des Bee Dove Mine has been determined adequate under the discussion of Right of Entry in the latest Des Bee Dove Mine Master TA, dated November 23, 2005.

Right of Entry information for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine has been determined adequate under the discussion of Right of Entry in the latest Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Master TA, dated March 3, 2003.

**Findings:**

The information meets the requirements of R645 Rules.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This amendment should be approved.