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Date: 4/2/2007 3:25 PM
Subject: Re: Energy West 2007 Surface Drilling Schedule

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Ken,

I have reviewed your plan with the staff and determined you can proceed with the proposed drilling operation under authority of the existing Special Use Permit. Please note that drilling operations must be conducted consistent with Attachment 2, Conditions of Approval of your permit. You are also authorized to relocate 2006-9 to the SW 1/4 Section 14, T16S, R 6E per November 9, 2006 Revised Notice to Modify Approved Minor Coal Exploration Utah State Coal Lease ML-48258.....

Access to Upper Joes Valley via upper Cottonwood Canyon could be impaired on May 15th due to wet muddy conditions on the road, in which case, the gate is closed. Please coordinate with me on necessary access.

Tom

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Subject
Energy West 2007 Surface Drilling Schedule

Tom and Mesia,

Our intent is to begin surface drilling this year on or around May 15, as we did last year. Again, the interest in starting in May is due to our projection of rapidly dwindling surface runoff water available for drilling due to the low snowpack, and obtaining the information as soon as possible for mine planning purposes.

Because of the surface water situation, we would like to begin drilling the Crandall Canyon holes first, but raptor activity in Crandall Canyon may prevent us from doing this. Our contingency is to begin drilling on the Joes Valley side in mid-May, allowing the raptor activity in Crandall Canyon to be undisturbed until the Joes Valley holes are done (2 - 3 weeks). We would then move into Crandall Canyon to the site numbered 2006-2, which is not in the line of sight of the raptor nest. After completing hole 2006-2, we would then move to 2006-3, if raptor activity was still present, we would proceed with drilling while continuously monitoring the activity at the raptor nest.

A less attractive alternative for us would be to time drilling activity so that we would drill in Joes Valley first, and not move into the Crandall Canyon area until after July 15, to allow activity in the raptor nest to run its course (fledging). We are concerned that by this time there will be insufficient water on the surface available for drilling 2006-2 and 2006-3, and we would be forced to abandon plans for drilling these holes as we did in 2006.

Again, our primary motivation for drilling early in the year is the potential lack of water available for drilling later in the year. Any action that you could take to assure that we can drill as early as possible after May 15 would be appreciated. Please call if you wish to discuss these issues.

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