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Steve Rigby
US BLM
125 South 600 West
Price, Utah 84501

Subject: Phase II and Phase III Bond Release, 9th East Portal, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task ID #3726, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Rigby:

PacifiCorp, through Energy West Mining Company, submitted an application for Phase II and III bond release on January 11, 2011 and requested bond release on 0.6 acres of land. The Permittee currently has a surety bond in the amount of \$4,113,000.00, which is payable to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the US Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. PacifiCorp is not requesting a reduction in the current bond amount.

After review and approval of the application, the Division conducted a Phase II and III bond release inspection of the above referenced mine site. An invitation letter was sent to parties of interest on April 21, 2011, and the on-site inspection was done on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. There were no attendees from the USBLM at the inspection. Dennis Oakley and Ken Fleck represented the Permittee, PacifiCorp – Energy West Mining Company. A copy of the Division’s inspection report is enclosed for your information and records.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining finds that PacifiCorp has completed Phase II and III reclamation of the mine site as required. The Division seeks concurrence from the USBLM. Please provide a letter of concurrence by July 18, 2011.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure
cc: Price Field Office
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