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Subj: Extension Request to Respond to the Mid-Term Review, Task ID 5682, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Interwest Mining Company, as mine manager, hereby requests a 30 day extension to respond to the two deficiencies identified by the Division during their mid-term review of the Deer Creek Mining and Reclamation Plan.

The first deficiency involves providing an improved detail for seeding locations and to relocate the white fir/aspen reference area that was destroyed in the Trail Mountain wildfire. The permittee has been in contact with their consultant, Mt Nebo Scientific, to provide a new reference area delineation. However, this is the consultant's field season and it is not able to accommodate PacifiCorp's timeframe. We expect the consultant will be able to assist PacifiCorp within the next 30 days.

The second deficiency involves resolving a deficient bond amount for the Deer Creek Mine. The current bond for $3,374,000 when escalated to 2021 dollars will be short for covering all aspects of reclamation that has been listed in the MRP.

The Division listed two alternatives to resolve the deficient bond issue; 1) post additional bonding to relieve the shortage for the 5 year permit term, or 2) apply for bond release for the reclamation work that has already been completed at the Deer Creek Mine.

At present, PacifiCorp is completing two reclamation projects at the Deer Creek Mine: demolition of the Rilda Portal Facility and Deer Creek Mine Site, and earthwork at the Rilda Portal Facility. Demolition of the Rilda Portal Facility is complete and the company will be awarding the bid for earthwork and revegetation for the site in the next few weeks. It is expected that this project can be completed in approximately six to eight weeks. Earthwork and revegetation for the Deer Creek mine site will commence in the spring of 2019.

With this being said, PacifiCorp feels it is more appropriate to apply for Phase I Bond Release once the Rilda reclamation work is complete in December 2018. The bond release application will request 60% reduction in the bond for the Rilda Portal Facilities which will reduce the Deer Creek bond by nearly $400,000. In addition, PacifiCorp is currently applying for Phase

III Bond Release of its Rilda Left Fork facilities. The United States Forest Service took over this site to construct a sediment basin to treat excessive runoff caused by the Trail Mountain wildfire. This action can reduce the Deer Creek bond approximately an additional $150,000.

PacifiCorp appreciates the Division's consideration of this extension request. PacifiCorp would like to discuss these matters further with the Division to define goals and timelines for resolving the deficiencies identified by the Division. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at any time at 435-687-4712, Chuck Semborski at 435-687-4720, or Dennis Oakley at 435-687-4825.

Sincerely,

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