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Mr. John Baza, Director
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Re: Phase III Bond Release Application, Task #5775; PacifiCorp; Deer Creek Mine; C/015/0018

Dear Mr. Baza:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) receipt and review of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOG M) subject Decision Document, dated January 7, 2019. Under Task #5775, PacifiCorp requests Phase III bond release on 2.33 acres at the Deer Creek Mine, Rilda Canyon Left Fork Facilities area. DOGM notes PacifiCorp's compliance with the approved Utah regulatory program at R645-301-880 *et seq* and recommends authorizing final bond release on all 2.33 acres. OSMRE participated in the Rilda Canyon Left Fork Facilities field evaluation on November 27, 2018.

Mineral ownership associated with the subject parcel is federal; accordingly, the Bureau of Land Management provided its concurrence with DOGM's decision by letter dated December, 2018. We interpret this to mean that PacifiCorp is in compliance with all applicable mineral lease stipulations. The subject parcel occurs within the Manti-La Sal National Forest; the US Forest Service likewise provided its concurrence by letter dated December 4, 2018. PacifiCorp requests, and DOGM proposes to grant, reclamation liability release only and no reduction in the current bond amount of \$3,374,000. In accordance with 30 CFR § 740.15 (d)(3) and 30 CFR § 944.30, Article IX, Section B of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement, OSMRE provides its concurrence with this action.

Please direct any questions to Tom Medlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (303) 293-5083.

Sincerely,

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 Denver Field Branch

c: PacifiCorp