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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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RE: RECLAMATION OF DRILL HOLE EM-66, EXPLORATION DRILLING, PACIFICORP, COTTONWOOD/WILBERG MINE, ACT/015/019, FOLDER #3 AND EM-148, 1991 EAST MOUNTAIN DRILLING PROGRAM, PACIFICORP, CEP/015/019B, FOLDER 33, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

During 1991, two (2) drill holes were completed on East Mountain within PacifiCorp's Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit area. Hole EM-66 was drilled on property to which PacifiCorp holds the surface rights and EM-148 was drilled on BLM property.

The drilling plan for EM-66 specified that reclamation work was planned to be completed during the fall of 1991. This did not occur due to onset of winter weather prior to complete drying of the mud pit. However, the area was stabilized (bermed, etc.) pending conditions allowing access in 1992.

PacifiCorp proposes to reclaim the EM-66 drill site when access is possible in early June, 1992. Reclamation will be accomplished in accordance with the approved Drilling Plan. As stated in the plan, reclamation of the drill pad is expected to require three (3) working days.

Drill hole EM-148 was established to facilitate a rock mass deformation study, in cooperation with the Bureau of Mines, using Time Domain Reflectometry. As discussed in the approved drilling plan, after EM-148 was drilled and logged, electronic monitoring equipment was installed at the site. The intent was to monitor rock mass deformation during extraction of the Cottonwood 14th West longwall panel and for two (2) years following mining. Therefore, the plan specified reclamation of the drill site following

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completion of drilling in 1991 and removal of the monitoring equipment and reclamation of the access road in the fall of 1993.

Monitoring results indicate that continuation of the study is superfluous; therefore, PacifiCorp proposes to remove the monitoring equipment and reclaim the access road successively with EM-66 in early June, 1992. Reclamation will be completed in accordance with the approved drilling plan for EM-148. As stated in the plan, removal of the monitoring equipment and reclamation of the access road will require approximately ten (10) working days.

Please consider this submittal as amendments to the previously discussed drilling plans.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated. If you have questions or require further information please call me at 653-2312.

Sincerely,

Val Payne

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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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