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December 4, 1997

Randy Johnson, Chairman
Emery County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 629
Castle Dale, Utah 84513

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As of August 1,1997, Energy West has completed final reclamation of the Channel Canyon portal breakouts located in Federal Lease U-47978. We are presently applying for Phase III bond release of this area with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. As part of the regulations of the Utah Coal Rules, we are required to notify you stating our intentions. Attached is a copy of the advertisement which will be published in the Emery County Progress, once a week for four consecutive weeks beginning December 9, 1997.

The reclamation has been inspected by the BLM and the Division. If you have any questions, or require further information pertaining to the Channel Canyon breakouts, please feel free to call me at 687-4720.

Sincerely,

Chuck Semborski
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

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Application for Phase III Bond Release
Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine
ACT/015/019
Energy West Mining Company
P.O. Box 310
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PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining an application for partial release of the reclamation performance bond for the Channel Canyon portal breakouts of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine.

The Channel Canyon breakouts are located within Federal Coal Lease is U-47978 in the SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 32, Township 17 South, Range 7 East. Total disturbance associated with the ventilation breakouts is approximately 0.01 acres.

The Channel Canyon ventilation breakouts consist of two separate portals which occur on a steep escarpment located in an un-named canyon on the western side of East Mountain. Energy West has completed final reclamation of the portal sites as specified in the approved plan on August 1, 1997. Reclamation activities consisted of constructing a set of seals that conform to the coal outcrop and to blend in with the surrounding environment. Existing structures were also dismantled and removed from the area.

The portals are located in the coal outcrop on a vertical cliff face. No topsoil was available to be stored during development or reapplied during final reclamation. Without topsoil, seeding of the portal area is unwarranted. No discharges are generated from and no drainage occurs through the portal sites. Therefore, Phase I and Phase II bond release requirements have been met.

A Surety bond is posted with the Division for the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine in the amount of $2,071,098.00. Energy West is applying for 100% release of the fractional portion of this bond.

This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1997 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said Act.

Written comments or objections may be submitted to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

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