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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
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ACT/015/019 #2

Re: Amendment to Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit for Permit Boundary Change 98A

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits an amendment regarding the boundary change of the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine permit area.

Background

PacifiCorp owns and/or leases certain fee coal lands, federal and state coal leases, totaling approximately 22,500 acres of contiguous minable property located in Emery County, Utah.

Geographically, the area is known as East Mountain, a large relatively flat plateau, containing three minable coal seams; Blind Canyon, Cottonwood, and Hiawatha. Coal has been or is currently being mined in two of the three seams from the Deer Creek, Cottonwood/Wilberg, and Des-Bee-Dove mines.

The three coal seams in the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine consist of the Blind Canyon (upper) Seam, Cottonwood (middle) Seam, and Hiawatha (lower) Seam. The upper seam is being mined in part from Deer Creek in Huntington Canyon. The middle seam contains excessive in-seam temperature gradients and low quality coal. The Hiawatha (lower) Seam has been mined in part from the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine.

In the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, the Hiawatha Seam is bounded on the north by a constriction in the coal seam, thinning to less than 5 foot in thickness. On the east, the seam is bounded by the Deer Creek and Pleasant Valley faults, and on the south and west by coal outcrop, thinning of the coal seam to less than 5 feet, and lease boundaries.

The southern Federal coal lease, U-047978, within the above described area was acquired in 1981. The reserves in the Blind Canyon and Cottonwood seam contained in this lease were assessed and has been determined by PacifiCorp and Bureau of Land Management as unminable due to the low coal quality and burned areas. Production of the minable reserves in the Hiawatha

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Seam began in 1984 and was completely mined out by 1992. Permanent seals were installed in the 1st South and 2nd South Mains to conclude all mining in the southern lease of the permit.

The Cottonwood/Wilberg mine is currently utilized for the transfer of coal from the Trail Mountain Mine via an in-mine conveyor system to the Wilberg loadout for use in the Hunter Power Plant.

Permit Revisions and Justification

PacifiCorp submits this amendment to change its permit boundaries of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit area. This change will allow PacifiCorp to clearly and accurately describe the true areas of mine activity. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has requested that the northern boundary of the permit area be adjusted/clarified so the area (acreage) of the permit boundary could be more easily determined. Along with the request made by the Division, PacifiCorp also proposes to update the southern and eastern boundary of the permit area.

Revisions to the Cottonwood/Wilberg permit are numerous. The amended legal description of the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine permit was composed from the permit boundary as shown in Figure 1. This new boundary eliminates the existing 5 foot coal contour boundary to the north, the Deer Creek Fault boundary to the east, and the mined out area of the southern lease. Approximately 4480 acres will be removed from the permitted area. Redlining of new permit text, which is traditionally performed by Energy West, will not be exercised in this amendment since many consecutive amended pages of text exist. Please refer your copy of the Cottonwood/Wilberg permit to inspect the changes listed below.

There is also many drawings that will need to be revised. Only one (1) drawing (The Permit Area Map; 1-3) will be submitted with this amendment for your inspection. Upon approval, the remaining drawings of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Permit will be revised to show the new permit area and submitted to the Division for final inspection and approval.

Revisions to the permit are as follows:

Pages:

Volume I, Chapter 1, page 1.1, Figure 1

Volume I, Chapter 1, page 8.1, Attachment B

Volume I, Chapter 1, pages 1-14 through 1-22

Volume I, Chapter 1, pages 1-47 through 1-49

Volume II, Waste Rock Storage Facility, Chapter 1, pages 1-7