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SEP 25 2001

Re: Proposed Reduction in Permit Area, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines, PacifiCorp

Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a copy of the application to reduce the permit area at the subject mine. As part of this permit action, we have been asked to give our comments and/or concurrence to the action.

We have reviewed the application and have no objections to the reduction of the permit area. The area in question is still under a Federal coal lease and has been mined out in the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. No recoverable reserves remain in the Hiawatha coal seam for this area mined from the said mine. The area in question is also overlapped by the Deer Creek Mine permit in the Blind Canyon (upper) seam. Should impacts arise on the surface in the questioned area, they can be addressed via the Deer Creek Mine permit. We foresee no new impacts from mining in this area to be dropped from the permit in that mining was completed in the area in 1993 and subsidence has already occurred.

Within the limits of our authority for the Federal coal leases, we concur with PacifiCorp's proposal to reduce the Cottonwood/Wilberg permit area by about 3007 acres. If this proposal is granted, please supply us with an updated map with corresponding legal description of the area.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

*Thomas E. Manus (Acting)*

*for* Richard L. Manus  
Field Manager

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