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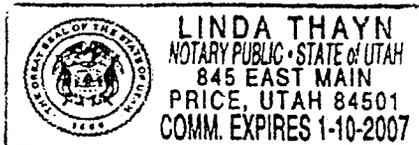
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**PHASE I BOND RELEASE APPLICATION
COTTONWOOD FAN PORTAL AREA**

**ENERGY WEST MINING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 310
HUNTINGTON, UTAH 84528**

PacificCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits an application for Phase I bond release for the Cottonwood Fan Portal area. The said area, located in E½ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 6 East, has met the regulations of the R645 Utah Coal Rules in regards to Phase I bond release (R645-301-880.300). The total acreage proposed for release is approximately 5.0 acres.

This portal site was initially disturbed under an exploration permit issued by the State of Utah for determining subsurface engineering design data for a major portal facility. This site includes two small soil stockpiles, and a disturbed drainage collection system with two small sedimentation basins. Following updated plans and mining needs, the once proposed fan portal was no longer required. Subsequently, final reclamation of the disturbed area was initiated and completed in November of 1998. Final reclamation on approximately half of the disturbed area was conducted in 1981.

A surety bond is filed with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in the amount of \$3,082,587.00, and is payable to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM), and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). PacificCorp requests that the fractional bond liability amount for the Cottonwood Fan Portal area be reduced 60%, or \$ 68,825.00, to comply with the R645-301-880.300 regulation. Total surety bond held for this area will be reduced to \$ 45,883.00.

A copy of the Phase I application may be examined at the office of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 and also at the Recorders Office located in the Emery County Courthouse in Castle Dale, Utah. Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference may be submitted to the Salt Lake City address. Said comments must be submitted thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this notice. This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said Act.

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