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June 23, 2008

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**Subj: Application for Phase II and Phase III Bond Release of the Cottonwood/Wilberg "Old" Waste Rock Site, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, C/015/0019, Emery County, Utah**

As required by the General Technical Requirements for Phase Bond Release (Tech-006), Section 5, I, B, Energy West Mining Company, hereby, submits a copy of the notification letters that were sent to all parties who have a valid interest in the release of bond for the Cottonwood/Wilberg "Old" Waste Rock Site. These letters were sent, by mail, on June 23, 2008.

Also, please be informed that the public notice will be advertised in the Emery County Progress for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning June 24, 2008. Energy West will submit a copy of the Affidavit of Publication to the Division after the run of the publication.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this submittal, please contact me at your convenience at 435-687-4825.

Sincerely,

  
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Thence, S 72°32'03" E, 65.63 feet;  
Thence, N 50°27'20" E, 295.51 feet;  
Thence, N 69°41'04" E, 398.55 feet, to the point of beginning.

The southern area of lease U-37642 contains 18.45 acres, more or less.

The waste rock site area, adjacent to the Wilberg Haul Road and within the above description, contains 15.62 acres of disturbed area, 13.81 acres of which is being applied for release. Refer to enclosed location map.

The Cottonwood/Wilberg "old" waste rock site is located approximately 1.8 miles from the Cottonwood Mine and alongside the east side of Highway 57. This 48.62 acre site was initially originally designed as an open storage and truck loadout for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. The Right of Way grant (UTU-37642) was issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 1977. Subsequent developments at the mine site changed the need for this site. A use modification was submitted to the BLM to use this land for underground development waste storage in connection with the underground development ongoing in the Wilberg Mine and Des Bee Dove Mine. The waste containment area was developed in 1983 by excavating the first of seven cells. Enough material was stock piled for the construction of a berm around the cell. The berm not only provided containment of storm runoff waters up to and including the 10 year/24 hour event, it also provided backfilling and cover for each cell as reclamation was completed. Each cell was backfilled and graded according to the Mine Reclamation Plan. At the completion of each cell, the area was seeded with an approved seed mixture. Final backfilling and grading was completed in 1992-93 as cell seven reached its capacity.

In 1997, PacifiCorp and BLM worked to adjust the boundary of Lease UTU-37642 to accommodate coal bed methane degasification projects by Texaco Inc. This adjustment required the relinquishment of 1.08 acres of the lease for Texaco's well #35-14. The area consisted of the undisturbed area adjacent to and

north of the rock and soil storage area. Texaco utilized this area as an access road through the lease to their well #35-14.

An application for Phase I bond release was submitted on December 17, 1998. The application included the majority of the disturbed area of the 20.83 acre southern parcel of Lease U-37642. The disturbed area within this lease parcel contains 15.62 acres of which include 1.81 acres for rock and soil storage. Total reclaimed area applied to the bond release application amounted to 13.81 acres. Phase I bond release was approved for this area on July 22, 1999.

In 1999, PacifiCorp and BLM again worked to adjust the boundary of Lease UTU-37642 to accommodate another coal bed methane degasification project by Texaco. This adjustment required the relinquishment of 12.98 acres of the lease for Texaco's well #34-80. The area consisted of mainly undisturbed acreage on the west side of State Highway 57. Texaco utilized this area as a utility corridor servicing the well. BLM approved the relinquishment of the 12.98 acres on November 2, 1999. Current total acreage of Lease UTU-37642 is 34.56 acres.

Since final reclamation in 1994, no mining activity has occurred at the Cottonwood/Wilberg "old" waste rock site. Monitoring of vegetation of each of the seven cells and berms has occurred nearly annually. In 2006, Mt. Nebo Scientific began monitoring for Phase III bond release. Sampling included two years collection of woody plant densities, productivity, cover, and species composition data. The data collected and analyzed by Mt. Nebo Scientific suggests that the area has met the requirements of the Utah Coal Regulations for bond release.

As required by the State of Utah, R645-Coal Mining Rules (R645-301-880), all adjoining property owners, local governmental bodies, etc, are notified, informing them of the operator's intention to seek release from bond. A public notice was published in the Emery County Progress commencing on June 24, 2008 and will run for four (4) consecutive weeks.

If you have any questions, or require further information pertaining this bond release application, please feel free to call Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

Sincerely,

  
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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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Scale: 1" = 2 Miles

Deer Creek Mine



Huntington Powerplant



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Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine



Des-Bee-Dove Mines

**Cottonwood/Wilberg  
Wast Rock Site**

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Trail Mountain Mine



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COTTONWOOD CREEK

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Central Warehouse

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ORANGEVILLE

CASTLE DALE

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Hunter Powerplant



Cottonwood Preparation Facility

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COTTONWOOD CREEK



CLAWSON

FERRON CREEK