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Jim,

On Thursday morning, Energy West met with the BLM to discuss their concerns regarding the phase III bond release application submitted to your office earlier this year. The BLM, during the Dec. 3rd field inspection and during this meeting, expressed concerns with the final surface configuration and permanent berms surrounding the site. The BLM indicated that this reclaimed surface did not satisfy the stipulations in the renewed ROW grant. Basically, the surface was not reclaimed to approximate original contour as required by the ROW.

In the meeting, Energy West explained the history of the site through its operational and reclamation phases, indicating that the reclamation plan was developed to meet the post mining land use for grazing and wildlife. It was noted that vegetation standards for PMLU have been met and satisfies SMCR regulations.

Mike Stiewig (associate field manager for the BLM PFO) indicated that he needed to see the site before he could come to some conclusion. So today, we gave Mr. Stiewig a tour of the waste rock site. After seeing the site and some discussion, he gave his verbal concurrence with bond release. I mentioned that DOGM will need an official letter of concurrence so the Phase III bond release activities could proceed. He said that he would follow through.

I appreciate your interest in this issue and your willingness to see it through to resolution. Fortunately, Energy West did not need an influential opinion from DOGM to resolve this issue. Please let me know if I can be of any help moving this bond release application toward completion.

Best Regards,

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