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Julie P. Orchard
Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

**Re: Sole Source Contract with Sandvik Mining and Construction to provide three TS-495
Shield Haulers**

Commissioners:

In accordance with the Company's procurement policy, we hereby notify you that Bridger Coal Company, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp, has entered into a sole source contract with Sandvik Mining and Construction USA to supply three TS-495 Shield Haulers, to be used by the Bridger Mine. The amount of this purchase is \$3,024,345 (\$1,008,115 each).

Shield haulers are used for underground longwall panel to panel equipment moves, section power moves, and general mine construction projects. The existing shield haulers in 1991, which are no longer manufactured in North America, are no longer economic to maintain and operate.

The Sandvik TS-495 "LW Shield Hauler" represents the only new manufactured diesel powered vehicle suited to the Deer Creek Mine's conditions and requirements for haulage of the 30 ton longwall roof supports within the height limitations of the mine. In addition the electronic diesel engine package used in the TS-495 LW Shield Hauler is the only original equipment manufacture engine package that is MSHA (Part 36) approved for use in US underground mines.

This sole source procurement contract was authorized by Carl Pollastro, Director, Technical Services & Project Development, Interwest Mining Company.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Taylor at 801-220-2923.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Larsen
Vice President, Regulation

cc: Division of Public Utilities
Committee of Consumer Services