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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: Notice of Sole Source Contract with Tri-State West Staffing Service, LLC**

Commissioners:

In accordance with the Company's procurement policy, we hereby notify you that PacifiCorp has entered into a modification of a sole source contract with Tri-State West Staffing Service, LLC to provide temporary staffing of contract miners for Bridger Coal Company. On July 15, 2010, the Company notified the Commission of an increase in the contract from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. This additional modification increases the contract annual maximum by an additional \$2,000,000, from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. This amount covers the salary of the miners plus any Tri-States fees.

Currently there is shortage of miners at Bridger Coal Company. Because of the difficulty in recruiting and hiring miners, the contract with Tri-State is necessary to provide the manpower required to cover shifts at the Bridger mine to produce the coal required by the adjacent plant. In addition to providing essential staffing services the Tri-State's contract allows Bridger Coal Company to hire, as permanent employees, contract miners that shows promise of performing as needed. Tri-State is one of a few companies that have a pool of experienced miners to draw from. Previous performance with Tri-State has been excellent.

This sole source procurement contract was authorized by Cindy Crane, Vice President, Interwest Mining and Fuels.

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