STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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December 10, 2013

Chris Gilbreath Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc P.O. Box 33695 Denver, CO 80233-0695

Re: Permit Issuance Permit Renewal Application No. 6 (RN-6) New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision to Approve Permit Renewal No. 6 at the New Horizon Mine became final on December 10, 2013. Notice of the proposed decision was published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* on November 7, 2013, initiating the thirty (30) day public comment period for the Division's decision. No comments were received during the comment period.

Enclosed you will find two signed Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Mining Permit documents. An authorized representative of Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC needs to sign both documents and have them notarized. One must be returned to the Division at the above address; the other must be kept on file at the mine office.

Please be aware that issuance of the permit renewal will initiate time frames of any enclosed stipulations to the permit. Stipulations are enclosed in a rider to the permit, if any were imposed upon the permit. All other enclosed commitments are also in effect as of the permit issuance.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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