

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 12, 2014

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

Re: New Horizon North Mine (Permit No. C-2010-089)
Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 5 (TR-5)
Monitoring Well Installation and Haul Road Construction and Compaction

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 5 at the New Horizon North Mine. Notice of the proposed decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* as soon as possible. The first publication will initiate the ten (10) day public comment period for the Division's decision.

Please refer to the <u>Performance Bond</u> heading on the enclosed proposed decision form. If the amount of Bond Held equals or exceeds the Revised Liability, you need not submit additional bond. However, if the Revised Liability exceeds the Bond Held, please submit additional bond or rider to your existing bond that equals or exceeds the Revised Liability. This Technical Revision must not be implemented until this proposed decision becomes final and until any required increase in bond is submitted to and approved by the Division.

If there are stipulations attached, please sign and return the proposed decision form to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Greg Lewicki, Greg Lewicki and Associates, PLLC Jason Storey, Western Fuels Association, Inc.

C-TR-08



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COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

New Horizon North Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC Permit No. C-2010-089

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has proposed the decision stated below. Provided there are no objections, the decision will become effective upon the termination of the ten (10) day public comment period, in accordance with Rule 2.08.4(6)(b)(iii).

Technical Revision No. 5 Decision: Approve

Submittal Date: October 29, 2013 Decision Date: May 12, 2014

Description of Revision: Monitoring Well Installation and Haul Road Construction and Compaction

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND PERMITTEE SAFETY

Sanke L. Buron

Authorized Representative - Division Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

Date: May 12, 2014 Date:

CHANGE IN ACREAGE REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE PERFORMANCE BOND

Disturbed: 0.00 Disturbed: 288.70 Prior Liability: \$4,952,979.88 Affected: 0.00 Affected: 288.70 Change in Liability: (\$90,237.00)Permit: 0.00 Permit: 328.70 Revised Liability: \$4,862,742.88 0.00 State: Bond Held: \$4,952,980.00 State: 0.00

 Federal:
 0.00
 Federal:
 0.00

 Private:
 0.00
 Private:
 328.70

 County:
 0.00
 County:
 0.00

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

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None None