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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

August 27, 2014

John C. Ricks
John Ricks Family Trust
49575 Moon Hill Drive
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

**Re: Seneca II-W Mine (Permit No. C-1982-057)
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Mr.. Ricks:

This letter, in accordance with Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to partially approve Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5) for the Seneca II-W Mine. This decision will be published in the *Steamboat Pilot*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty (30) day public comment period. If, within thirty days, there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing, the decision will become final.

The Division proposes to release 800.8 acres from Phase II bond liability. As an interested party, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing as outlined under Rule 3.03.2(6) of the Rules and Regulations. The request for an adjudicatory hearing must be written and state with specificity the reasons why the hearing is requested. The request must be received within thirty days of the first publication of the proposed decision in the *Steamboat Pilot*.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet H. Binns
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