

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

April 29, 2015

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

Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008) Proposed Decision - Technical Revision No. 66 (TR-66) Dryland Pasture Reference Area

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

Enclosed you will find the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Proposed Decision for Technical Revision No. 66 at the New Horizon 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

C-TR-08



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COAL MINING PERMIT - TECHNICAL REVISION DECISION

New Horizon Mine, Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC Permit No. C-1981-008

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. 66DSubmittal Date: February 2, 2015DDescription of Revision: Dryland Pasture Reference Area

Decision: Approve Decision Date: April 29, 2015

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND PERMITTEE SAFETY

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Authorized Representative - Division

Date: April 29, 2015

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CHANGE IN ACREAGE		REVISED TOTAL ACREAGE		PERFORMANCE BOND	
Disturbed:	0.00	Disturbed:	862.37	Prior Liability:	\$5,227,008.91
Affected:	0.00	Affected:	862.37	Change in Liability:	\$0.00
Permit:	0.00	Permit:	928.89	Revised Liability:	\$5,227,008.91
State:	0.00	State:	0.00	Bond Held:	\$5,300,000.00
Federal:	0.00	Federal:	0.00		
Private:	0.00	Private:	928.89		
County:	0.00	County:	0.00		

REVISED APPLICATION PAGES

Section 2.04.10 all pages; Section 2.04.10 Attachement 2.04.10-1 all pages; Section 2.04.10 Attachment 2.04.10-2 cover page; Section 2.04.10 Attachment 2.04.10-3 cover page; Section 2.04.10 Attachment 2.04.10-4 cover page; Section 2.05.4(2)(e) all pages; Section 2.05.4(2)(e) Attachment 2.05.4(2)(e)-4 all pages.

REVISED MAPS

Map 2.05.4(2)(e)-4 add new map

Authorized Representative - Permittee (if applicable)

DELETED APPLICATION PAGES

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DELETED MAPS

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