



**COLORADO**

**Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

January 5, 2016

Tri-State Generation & Transmission Assoc.  
1100 W 116th Avenue  
P.O. Box 33695  
Denver, CO 80233

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)**  
**Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16)**  
**Bond No. SB-003**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter, as required by Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 for the New Horizon Mine. This decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum* 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 bond for the operation is a Self Bond issued by your company (Bond No. SB-003), in the amount of \$5,300,000.00. The proposed release amount is (\$436,761.74).

Please be aware that this notification is not a request to initiate any action by Tri-State Generation & Transmission Assoc. concerning Bond No. SB-003, and is for your information only. Should Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC chose to take action with regard to this bond release, they will contact you.

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

Sincerely,

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C-SL-17

