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July 28, 2016

Ms. Amy Yeldell
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**RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Neilson Pit Permit No. M-2007-026
Bond Recalculation Information Extension Request**

Dear Ms. Yeldell,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Axial Basin Coal Company, which is the general partner to Colowyo Coal Company L.P. (Colowyo). Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of Colowyo is submitting this response to your inspection report dated May 31, 2016. Colowyo operates the Neilson Pit under Permit No. M-2007-026.

On May 11, 2016 you inspected the Neilson Pit with Mr. Tony Tennyson. Per your inspection report it was noted that a bond recalculation was deemed necessary and requested data was to be provided to you by July 29, 2016. In your May 31, 2016 inspection report it was noted that Colowyo need to provide current slope lengths and grades, drill and blasting requirements (hole size, dimensions, and equipment), haul/push distances for grading, stockpile volumes, pounds of pure live seed (PLS) per acre of each species.

Per our phone conversation on July 27, 2016, Tri-State would like to request an extension to provide you the information requested in your May 31, 2016 inspection report. Tri-State will submit a technical revision to Permit No. M-2007-026 to revise the post-mine topography (PMT) as it has not been evaluated since 2007. A revised PMT will allow for a more accurate calculation for the items requested to be provided, and the items necessary to recalculate the bond liability for the Neilson Pit will be included in the technical revision. This technical revision will be submitted by August 31, 2016.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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