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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 4, 2017

Mr. 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
MR-18 Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

The Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (Division) received MR-18 on March 31, 2017. MR-18 was deemed complete on April 4, 2017. The Division finished its review and has the following comments:

1. Tri-State submitted MR-18 to the Division as MR-17. A previous MR-17 was submitted by Tri-State on June 14, 2016 and was subsequently withdrawn on July 20, 2016. To maintain numerical consistency and prevent confusion, the Division renumbered the MR-17 submitted on March 31, 2017 as MR-18.
2. On page 21 of Section 2.05.4(2)(e), a third seeding timeframe (April 1 to May 31) was added for the dryland pasture post mining land use. Please add to the paragraph that this new seeding time of April 1 to May 31 will only apply to the land that ERMR owns (ERMR/Meehan).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 866-3567 ext 8142.

Sincerely,

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