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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 19, 2017

Ms. Tamme Bishop
J. E. Stover & Associates, Inc.
2352 North 7th Street, Unit B
Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: Coal Ridge No. 1 Mine, Permit No. C-1984-065
2016 Annual Reclamation Report Review

Dear Ms. Bishop:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received the 2016 Annual Reclamation Report (ARR) for the Coal Ridge No. 1 Mine on February 7, 2017. The ARR requirements are found in Rule 2.04.13 of the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining. The Division has finished its review and has the following comments about the 2016 ARR:

During the 2016 calendar year, 0 acres were disturbed, backfilled or topsoiled. All reclamation work, except for maintenance, has been completed.

For the entire life of mine, 45.2 acres were disturbed and 42.8 acres have been seeded. The 2.4 acre difference is the permanent road, which will not be seeded.

38.4 acres have achieved Phase I and II bond release and 0 acres have achieved Phase III. The 2.4 acres of permanent road and 4.4 acres of reclaimed sediment control structures still need to achieve Phase I and II. The entire disturbed area still needs to be Phase III released.

The Division does not have any further questions or comments.

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

Sincerely,

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