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September 8, 2017

Ms. Janet Binns Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Rm 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. (SCC) Technical Revision No. 70 (TR-70) Adequacy Review Comments Permit No. C-1981-041

Dear Ms. Binns:

The DRMS' letter dated September 6, 2017, transmitted its adequacy comments regarding TR-70. Following are SCC's responses to the DRMS' comments and concerns:

 DRMS: The Divisions records show that the current permit area contains 306.4 acres that have been affected by mining. TR70 proposes to reduce the affected acreage by 4.0 acres. The remaining affected acres will be 302.4 acres after TR70 approval. Table 3-7 submitted with the TR70 application reports this value as 300.9 acres.

Please correct the affected acres value on Table 3-7, or provide an explanation for the 1.5 acre difference between Snowcap Coal Company's records and the Division's value.

SCC: As per out phone conversation this morning enclosed is revised Table 3-7 correcting the affected acres value to <u>302.3</u>. Also enclosed is the revised "Affected Area Acreage" map as backup to Table 3-7. Please note that the map is not to be included in SCC's permit.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Tonya K. Hammond

Tonya K, Hammond Owner's Representative

cc: Mesa County Clerk, BLM, SCC File

SNOWCAP COAL COMPANY, INC. TABLE 3-7

ROADSIDE NORTH & SOUTH MINES PERMIT AREA ACREAGES

Permit Area	Surface Acreage	Mineral Acreage
Federal	44.7	44.7
Private	472.3	503.3
State	31.0	0.0
Total Permit Area	548.0	548.0

Disturbed Area*	Acreage
Roadside Borrow Area	1.1
S Portal Light Use Road #1	1.9
Outfall 002 Piping	0.2
North Decline	6.6
Conveyor Corridor	0.3
A Substation	0.2
B Substation	0.3
S Portal Hydrologic Communication Repair	0.4
Total Disturbed	11.0

Affected Area	Acreage
Underground Mining Activities & Disturbed Areas	302.3

*Acres approved for Phase III Bond release have been removed from total.

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