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Mountain Coal Company, LLC
5174 Highway 133
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Re: Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Notice of Intent to Explore (NOI)
File No. X-2017-212-09

The Division has reviewed the above-referenced Notice of Intent to Conduct Coal Exploration,
NOI No. X-2017-212-09. in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Colorado Surface
Coal Mining Act ("Act") and the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board
for Coal Mining ("Regulations), and has the following comments.

Notification of Completeness [Regulation 2.02.2]

Notice of Intent No. X-2017-212-09. is **Complete**

**Determination of Proposed Activities as Coal Exploration [Regulations 2.02.2(3) and
1.04(22)]**

The activities described in the NOI **qualify** as "coal exploration" as defined at Regulation
1.04(22).

**Determination of Substantial Natural Land Surface Disturbance [Regulations 2.02.2(3) and
1.04(127)]**

The coal exploration activities described **will** substantially disturb the natural land surface, as
defined at Regulation 1.04(27).

Determination of Amount of Performance Bond [Regulation 3.05.2(1)]

The Division has prepared a preliminary estimate of the amount of performance bond sufficient
to assure the satisfactory reclamation of the proposed coal exploration disturbance if, in the event
of bond forfeiture, the work had to be performed by the Division through independent
contractors. Based on the Division's performance bond calculation, the Division has determined

that the bond calculationt of p $8,500.00 is sufficient to assure the satisfactory reclamation of the proposed disturbance.

Although the Division has found the above referenced NOI application complete, acceptance of the NOI cannot be granted until receiving the bond in the amount of $8,500.00.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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