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Mr. Zach Trujillo Environmental Protection Specialist Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P. Permit No. C-1981-019 Minor Revision No. 219 Adequacy Response

Dear Mr. Trujillo,

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 adequacy response for minor revision 219 (MR-219) to Permit No. C-1981-019.

Tri-State received your letter dated July 2, 2019 and has the following response:

1. The Division has performed a reclamation cost estimate to reclaim the additional spoil associated with the Collom Pit. The total value of this estimate is \$8,024,738.00 (see attached cost estimate) and is based on the difference of what is proposed under MR-219 and what is currently approved (Exhibit 13C, Task # 046 of the MT-08 RCE). The Division's cost estimate is consistent with previous cost estimates approved by both the Division and Colowyo. The Division respectfully requests a response from Colowyo with any questions regarding the cost estimate or an acceptance of the Division's estimate.

Response: Tri-State has reviewed the Division's reclamation cost estimate for backfill of the Collom Pit, the associated increase in the reclamation costs of \$8,024,738.00, and hereby provides concurrence with the Division's estimate.

Included in this minor revision are a revision application and a change of index sheet to ease incorporation of this minor revision into the permit document. 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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