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Mr. Zach Trujillo
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Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P. Permit No. C-1981-019 Minor Revision No. 223 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 this adequacy response for minor revision 223 (MR-223) to Permit No. C-1981-019.

Tri-State received your adequacy letter dated September 16, 2020, and has the following response:

1. The Division has performed a reclamation cost estimate to reclaim the addition of a salt storage building and the total value of this estimate is \$3,962.00 (see attached cost estimate). 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 cost estimate for MR-223 which proposes an increase in Colowyo's reclamation liability by \$3,962.00 for the addition of a salt storage building. Tri-State hereby provides concurrence with the Division's estimate.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Casirar Senior Manager

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