

June 8, 2021

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. 232 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 232 (MR-232) to Permit No. C-1981-019.

Tri-State received the Division's adequacy letter dated May 28, 2021, and has the following responses to the Division's concerns:

1. When reviewing associated proposed Map 13C – Sheet 1 and Map 28C – Sheet 1, Topsoil Pile 25B is not shown. Please update proposed Map 13C – Sheet 1 and Map 28C – Sheet 1 to show the location of proposed Topsoil Pile 25B.

Response: Table 13C-27 topsoil pile number 25B has been corrected to 25A, which is consistent with Maps 28C Sheet 1 and 13C-Sheet 1.

2. The Division has performed a reclamation cost estimate to reclaim the additional Collom topsoil stripping and Topsoil Pile 25B. The total value of this estimate is \$646,925.00 (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 Division's reclamation cost estimate which will increase Colowyo's reclamation liability by \$646,925.00, and hereby provides concurrence with the Division's estimate. As discussed with the Division on June 7, 2021, Tri-State understand that topsoil pile 25B in the reclamation cost estimate is actually topsoil pile 25A, and Tri-State does not need the Division to update the reclamation cost estimate for MR-232 to correct this issue.





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Included in this adequacy response is 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) 326-3560 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Chris Gilbreath Senior Manager, Remediation and Reclamation

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Enclosure

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CHANGE SHEET FOR PERMIT REVISIONS, TECHNICAL REVISION, AND MINOR REVISIONS

Mine Company Name: <u>Colowyo Coal Company</u> Date: June 7, 2021 Permit Number: C-1981-019 Revision Description: MR-232 Cumulative Bond Schedule

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19			No Change	
20	Exhibit 13C Page 17 (1 page)	Exhibit 13C Page 17 (1 page)	Table13C-27 has been updated.	
20			No Change	
21			No Change	
22			No Change	

Topsoil Stockpile Number	Acres to be Reseeded	
25A	50.9	
26B	2.2	
26A	24.2	
36A	4.1	

Table 13C-27 Topsoil Stockpile Revegetation

Table 13C-28 Collom In-Pit Drill Holes

Drill Hole Number	Plugging Requirements	
Please see Exhibit 27, Item 3		

Table 13C-29 Collom Pit Power Distribution

Task		
Remove Power Lines	16,897 Feet	
Topsoil Replacement	25,000 Cubic Yards	
Reseed Disturbance	10.7 Acres	

Table 13C-30 Clean Water Diversions

	Overburden	Topsoil	Acres to be
Clean Water Diversion	Replacement (cubic	Replacement (cubic	Reseeded
	yards)	yards)	
CWD-1	5,923	4,998	4.3