

September 28, 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. 238 (MR-238) 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 238 (MR-238) to Permit No. C-1981-019.

Tri-State received the Division's adequacy letter dated September 27, 2021, and has the following responses to the Division's concerns:

1. The Division has performed a reclamation cost estimate to reclaim the additional topsoil stripping at the Collom Pit area. The total value of this estimate is \$62,725.00 (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 acceptable of the Division's estimate.

Response: Tri-State on behalf of Colowyo has reviewed the Division's reclamation cost estimate, and hereby provides concurrence with the Division increase in reclamation liability for MR-238.

Included in this adequacy response is a change of index sheet to ease incorporation of this adequacy response 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,

Docusigned by: *Chris Gilbreath* Chris Gilbreath Senior Manager, Remediation and Reclamation

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