



May 22, 2023

Mr. Zach Trujillo
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: Colowyo Coal Company L.P.
Permit No. C-1981-019
Technical Revision 159 (TR-159)
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 to technical revision 159 (TR-159) to Permit No. C-1981-019.

Tri-State received the Division's adequacy letter dated May 19, 2023, and as a the following response to the Division's concern:

- 1. The Division has performed a cost estimate to determine the associated disturbances with TR-159. This includes the regrade of topsoil placement for the proposed East Pit access roads and Section 3 Pond borrow area along with reseeding costs. Additionally, the Division calculated the cost for the demolition of the two culverts associated with the proposed roads. The total amount of this estimate is **\$26,097.00** (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 \$26,097.00 and 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 or at ttennyson@tristategt.org.



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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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