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September 12, 2023

State of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Clayton Wein, Environmental Protection Specialist

Re: GCC Energy, LLC, King I Mine CDRMS Permit # C-1981-035 August 2023 Post Inspection Maintenance Items - Extension Request

Mr. Wein:

In response to the August 2023 Post Inspection Corrective Actions Updated Letter received on September 7th, 2023, we are requesting an extension for the completion of maintenance items 7, 8, and 9. These items are related to the re-establishment of Reach 13 to the approved TR-27 final design. We are seeking an extension from the current deadline of September 19th, 2023 to November 1st, 2023.

We believe this extension will give us adequate time to construct and re-establish Reach 13 to its approved design while meeting the compaction requirements needed to have a structurally stable lower refuse pile. In total approximately 2000 tons of material will need to be excavated and hauled in order to reach the designed requirements. We have internally established a construction plan on how to successfully complete this project and will be strictly following this plan throughout construction. The attached cross sections along Reach 13 have been attached to compare the current topography compared to the final approved TR-27 design.

With the limited amount of water that has been historically observed to flow in Reach 13, and with the installation of the State recommended re-routing of Reach 13, we believe that the current drainage systems will be able to withstand the time frame of the extension required to complete Reach 13. The current re-routed Reach 13 will be maintained until the completion of the construction of the approved Reach 13 drainage.



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Please contact Michael Dickson at 970.385.4528 x 6540 or 970.909.4022 (cell) with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Dickson

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