

March 18, 2024

Mr. Clayton Wein Environmental Protection Specialist Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

## RE: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008) Technical Revision No. 108 (TR-108) Adequacy Response

Dear Mr. Wein:

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LCC (ERMR), which owns and operates the New Horizon Mine. The New Horizon Mine operates under the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) Permit No. C-1981-008. Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of ERMR is submitting this adequacy response for TR-108 to Permit No. C-1981-008.

Tri-State received the Division's adequacy letter on March 14, 2024, and has the following response to the Division's concern:

1. A part of Technical Revision No. 108 (TR-108) requested to reduce the New Horizon Mine's permit boundary to reflect the approval of Bond Release SL-26. SL-26 was approved on January 10, 2024 and Phase III released 1.80 acres. With the submittal of TR-108, several Maps were included with the proposed revised pages to reflect the request in the reduction of the mine permit boundary. Maps 2.04.10 (Baseline Vegetation Map) and 2.04.11-1 (Baseline Wildlife Map) were included with the updated permit boundary. An updated version of Map 2.04.9-1 (Baseline Soils Map was not included with the application. Please provide the Division with an updated version of Map 2.04.9-1 that reflects the requested change in the Mine's permit boundary.

Response: Map 2.04.9-1 has been provided as requested.

If you have any questions regarding this adequacy response, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 or tony.tennyson@tristategt.org.

Sincerely,

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