

May 14, 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) Minor Revision No. 129 (MR-129) Geotechnical Drilling

Dear Mr. Wein:

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LCC (ERMR), New Horizon Mine. Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of ERMR is submitting minor revision 129 (MR-129) to Permit No. C-1981-008.

MR-129 propose three geotechnical bore holes directly east of Pond 013. These geotechnical bore holes are necessary to assess soil and ground conditions to assist in design of a planned water treatment plant adjacent to Pond 013.

It is requested that the Division calculate the reclamation cost liability for the three geotechnical bore holes. To support the Division's reclamation cost estimate, each bore hole will be 50 feet in depth below existing ground surface, six inches in diameter, and each boring will have approximately ten cubic feet of backfill volume. Soil cuttings removed to support the boring will be used as backfill.

If you have any questions about the enclosed minor revision, please contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 or tony.tennyson@tristategt.org.

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