

May 29, 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) 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), New Horizon Mine. Therefore, Tri-State on behalf of ERMR is submitting this adequacy response for minor revision 129 (MR-129) to Permit No. C-1981-008.

Tri-State received the Division's adequacy letter dated May 23, 2024, and has the following responses to the Division's concerns:

1. The Division has completed calculating a reclamation cost estimate for the proposed activities under MR-129. The Division has calculated the costs associated with the revision to equal \$3,652.00. The current bond held for the New Horizon 2 Mine is \$2,522,994.00. The addition of MR-129's estimate to the existing required bond amount would equal \$2,516,086. The current bond held by the Division would be sufficient enough to cover the costs proposed under MR-129. No additional bond monies will be required for this permitting action.

Response: No response required.

2. The Division's reclamation estimate for the proposed activities under MR-129 are attached with this letter for your review.

Response: Tri-State has reviewed the Division's reclamation cost estimate for MR-129 which will increase the reclamation liability by \$3,652.00, and hereby provides concurrence with the Divisions' reclamation estimate.

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





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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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