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PR3 adequacy letter

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Hi, Ben -

Please see the attached letter.

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Ben Moline, PE Senior Manager, Water Resources & Environmental Compliance Coors Energy Company P.O. Box 4030 Golden, CO 80402

Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine, Permit C-1981-028, Adequacy Review of Permit Revision No. 3 (PR-03)

Dear Mr. Moline:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received the PR-03 application for the Keenesburg Strip Mine (dated June 11, 2024) from Habitat Management, Inc., representing Coors Energy Company (CEC). The Division reviewed this application in the context of Rules 2.07.4 and 4.16.3 (Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining).

The following adequacy items must be addressed before the Division can approve this revision application.

- 1. CEC must provide documentation from the Weld County Department of Planning Services illustrating that CEC has begun the process of obtaining County approval of this project. This documentation should be related to the County's zoning or other land use process.
- 2. CEC must provide documentation from Xcel Energy illustrating the feasibility of this project. This should entail Xcel's support of the project, or at least show that they are studying this project and consider it to be a project that they will possibly accept in the future.
- 3. Regarding revised page 118, some clarification or revision is needed. Please explain why the seed rates changed from the currently approved plan for some species (switchgrass and Indian ricegrass). Also, the total seed rate appears to be incorrect; the individual numbers add to 10.6, not 9.5.

In addition to the three adequacy items, CEC has identified other pages in the PAP that should be revised (per email correspondence with the Division on July 3, 2024). These are in Section 2.03. While unrelated to PR-03, it is appropriate to revise these pages during the PR-03 process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us or 720.601.2276.

Regards,

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