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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

October 25, 2024

Chris Gilbreath
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
1100 West 116th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80234

**Re: Colowyo Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-019)
Bond Release Application No. 23 (SL-23)**

Dear Mr. Gilbreath:

We have received your application, proof of publication, and copies of written notices concerning bond release at the Colowyo Coal Mine. The Division's initial review and indication that all preliminary items required by Rule 3.03.2(1) regarding bond release applications and contents had been submitted was sent in error on September 26, 2024. This letter dated October 25, 2024, serves as notice of the Division's revised and corrected review and indication that all preliminary items required by Rule 3.03.2(1) regarding bond release applications and contents have been submitted. Thus, your application has been deemed complete for the purposes of filing on October 25, 2024. All review and comment periods as provided in the Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder initiate from this date of filing.

If you have not yet done so, please immediately submit a copy your bond release application to:

Office of Surface Mining
Western Region
One Federal Center, Building 41
PO Box 25065
Denver, CO 80225

We are currently reviewing your bond release application to determine whether the items you have submitted are adequate in terms of meeting the requirements of the Act and Regulations. Weather permitting, we will conduct a bond release inspection of the site within thirty (30) days. You will be contacted by the Division to notify you of the scheduled inspection, which you may elect to attend. The Division will issue a proposed decision on the release application within 60 days of the inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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