

February 3, 2025

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. 135 (MR-135) Geotechnical Drill Hole

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 133 (MR-133) to Permit No. C-1981-008.

MR-135 propose one geotechnical bore hole (EP-B5). This geotechnical bore hole is necessary to evaluate soil and ground conditions to assist in design of a potential evaporation pond at the mine.

It is requested that the Division calculate the reclamation cost liability for this geotechnical bore hole. To support the Division's reclamation cost estimate, the bore hole will be 50 feet in depth below existing ground surface, six inches in diameter, and 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 <u>ttennyson@tristategt.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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