

June 12, 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 2019-2024 Annual Reclamation Report Response

Dear Mr. Wein,

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), is the parent company to Elk Ridge Mining and Reclamation, LLC New Horizon Mine. The New Horizon Mine operates under the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Permit No. C-1981-008.

Tri-State received the Division's 2019-2024 annual reclamation report review letter dated June 12, 2025, and is responding on behalf of the New Horizon Mine to the Division's adequacy comments. The five adequacy comments from the Division have not been included in this response as Tri-State's response to all five adequacy comments is the same.

Rule 2.04.13 states, "By February 15, or other such date as agreed on, each permittee shall file an annual reclamation report covering the previous calendar year for *all areas under bond* [emphasis added]." The 2019 - 2024 annual reclamation reports for the New Horizon Mine, include the required categories of acreages for *all areas under bond* [emphasis added] for the corresponding reporting year. Acreages for areas that have been released from bond and are no longer under regulatory jurisdiction are not required by Rule to be reported on. Therefore, the 2019 - 2024 annual reclamation reports as submitted comply with the requirements of Rule 2.04.13.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Tony Tennyson at (970) 824-1232 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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