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Exhibit 48

From: BJ Kristiansen
To: Jeff Barron

Subject: RE: Round 2 Comment responses

Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:38:40 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.jpg</u>

Jeff,

Are you going to recraft the Mine Plan, Rec Plan, etc to reflect this change? At present, Mark and I believe that this is essentially an NSR but it needs to be presented formally. I want my reviewers to reevaluate the project based on the new footprint. However, should they require more time beyond 30 days for the evaluation, we will have to move the time-table into a longer review. Resetting the clock to 150 days does not appear to be a concern as the changes are less environmentally impactful and additional review time would be measured in weeks, not months.

-bj

From: Jeff Barron [mailto:jbarron@wwcengineering.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:59 PM **To:** BJ Kristiansen
 Subject: RE: Round 2 Comment responses

Coal that was previously described as being transported by truck, would remain and text and exhibits describing coal being loaded by rail would be removed. The mine pit located in the vicinity of the load out would remain, so mine plan timing and operations would not be affected.

From: BJ Kristiansen [mailto:bj.kristiansen@wyo.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:56 PM

To: Jeff Barron

Subject: RE: Round 2 Comment responses

What would be the outcome of removing the loadout? What is the alternative plan for coal transport that may affect the mine plan assessment? I need that piece before I can consider the classification of the change.

-bi

From: Jeff Barron [mailto:ibarron@wwcengineering.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:47 AM **To:** BJ Kristiansen < bj.kristiansen@wyo.gov > **Subject:** Round 2 Comment responses

BJ.

Please find attached the judge's order for summary judgment. In response to this decision RAMACO is proposing to submit the following change with the round 2 comment responses. RAMACO will

remove all rail related development proposed in previous submissions and update text, tables, figures, and exhibits accordingly. RAMACO believes this would be considered a minor change and would only require a 30 day review as no change in disturbance or permit boundary will occur. Please notify me if the WDEQ believes this is not the case.



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