

Exhibit 1

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**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
 STATE OF WYOMING**

IN RE BROOK MINE APPLICATION)
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TFN 6 2-025) **DOCKET 17-4802**

**RESPONSES TO BROOK MINING COMPANY, LLC'S INTERROGATORIES TO
 POWDER RIVER BASIN RESOURCE COUNCIL**

Interrogatory No. 1: Identify and describe every communication that you had, including meeting minutes (verbal, written, electronic) relating to Powder River Basin Resource Council's (PRBRC) January 27, 2017 Objections to Brook Mining Co., LLC's Coal Mining Permit Application. For each communication, state the people involved in the communication, all individuals who witnessed it, the date and time of the communication, the content of the communication in exquisite detail, and how you learned or became aware of the communication.

Answer: Powder River Basin Resource Council objects to the scope of this question as it is overbroad and the burden to respond outweighs the likely benefit of relevant and discoverable information. We also object to providing the content of privileged attorney-client communications or communications made, meetings attended, or other interactions with our organization allowing an individual (or group of individuals) to exercise the right to associate under the 1st and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Notwithstanding these general objections, here is our response (for the purposes of this response we assume the question refers

Interrogatory No. 3: Please identify the individuals who helped you prepare your objections to Brook Mining Co., LLC's Coal Mining Permit Application.

Answer: As discussed in the response to Interrogatory No. 1 above, Ms. Anderson consulted with Mr. Wireman, Dr. Marino, and Mr. Levit to prepare objections to the permit application. The objections were written by Ms. Anderson, and a draft was reviewed by Ms. Morrison and Bob LeResche, Powder River Basin Resource Council Board Chair.

Interrogatory No. 4: Please state the names, addresses, telephone numbers and places of occupation of all persons known to you to have any knowledge of any fact concerning the objections submitted by PRBRC, and for such person, please set forth the subject matter to which they are believed to have knowledge.

Answer: The facts relied upon in preparation of our objections were almost exclusively facts contained in the permit application, correspondence with DEQ staff about the permit application, and statements or representations made by Ramaco/Brook agents in the press or via the company's website, all of which are already known to Brook, its counsel, and its agents. Our objections were also based on personal knowledge of our staff, Shannon Anderson and Jill Morrison, about subsidence and coal fire issues in the area, landowner use of the area known to Ms. Anderson, landowner member concerns known to Ms. Anderson, and the recreation interests of our members known to Ms. Anderson. Our experts reviewed the permit application and correspondence between Brook and DEQ in developing their opinions. They also reviewed DEQ regulations and guidance documents related to coal mine permits. We have previously disclosed the scope of the expert review and the likely substance of their testimony at the hearing.

Certification

I have reviewed Powder River Basin Resource Council's responses to interrogatories provided to Brook Mining Co., LLC, and I attest to their truthfulness to the best of my information and belief.

Executed at Sheridan, WY, this 21 day of April, 2017.



Jill Morrison

On Behalf of Powder River Basin Resource Council

STATE OF WYOMING)

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COUNTY OF SHERIDAN)

This document was signed and sworn to before me on April 21, 2017 by



Notary Public

My appointment expires: May 28, 2019