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

In re: Black Hills Bentonite
Permit to Mine No. 248C
Murphy Creek Update Area

) Docket No. 24-1601
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**PETITIONER BLACK HILLS BENTONITE, LLC'S
LIST OF WITNESSES**

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Black Hills Bentonite, LLC (“**BHB**” or “**Petitioner**”), a Wyoming limited liability company, through its undersigned counsel, Kayla A. Albertson, Patrick R. Tolley, and John A. Mastertson of Welborn Sullivan Meck, & Tooley P.C., and pursuant to the Counsel’s June 11, 2024, *Order Setting Prehearing Conference, Final Hearing, and Requiring Disclosure*, hereby submits their list of *may call* witnesses, as follows:

1. Doug Gibson – Environmental Technician for Black Hills Bentonite, LLC. Mr. Gibson is an employee of BHB and is authorized to testify on its behalf. It is anticipated that Mr. Gibson may testify to his knowledge and recollection regarding the facts and circumstances of this matter, including knowledge of BHB and their mining operations, mining permits for the Murphy Creek area, negotiations with Bruce and Betty Firnekas

- regarding mining in the Murphy Creek area, any other allegations alleged in the Petition, and his training and experience.
2. Larry Madsen – Vice President and CFO for Black Hills Bentonite, LLC. Mr. Madsen is an employee of BHB and is authorized to testify on its behalf. It is anticipated that Mr. Madsen may testify to his knowledge and recollection regarding the facts and circumstances of this matter, including his knowledge of BHB, their mining operations, mining permits for the Murphy Creek area, negotiations with Bruce and Betty Firnekas regarding mining in the Murphy Creek area, any other allegations alleged in the Petition, and his training and experience.
 3. Bruce Firnekas – Surface owner. Mr. Firnekas is a named Party in this matter. It is anticipated that Mr. Firnekas may testify to his knowledge and recollection regarding the facts and circumstances of this matter, including his knowledge of the surface area at issue in this matter, negotiations with BHB, prior dealings with BHB, and any other allegations alleged in the Petition.
 4. Any witnesses designated or listed by any other party.
 5. Additional witnesses that may become known during this litigation.
 6. Rebuttal witnesses as necessary.
 7. BHB reserves the right to amend this list at any time.

DATED this 8th day of July 2024.



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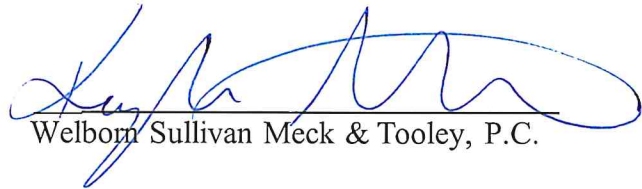
The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served herein this 8th day of July 2024, sent via US Postal Service and Email as follows:

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