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Re In re: Peabody Western Coal Company, Black Mesa Complex, NPDES Permit No. NN 0022179

NPDES Appeal Nos.: 10-15 and 10-16

Dear Sir o Madame:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the original and five copies of Peabody Western Coal Company's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Petitions for Review, which was also faxed filed on December 13, 2010.

Sincerely.

Peter Duchesneau

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NPDES Appeal Nos.: 10-15 and 10-16

Peabody Western Coal Company, Black Mess Complex

NPDES Permit No. NN 0022179

PEABODY WESTERN COAL COMPANY'S MOTION STOR REVEW

Perpody Western Coal Company ("Peabody") hereby respectfully moves for an extension of time (until January 14, 2011) in the above-captioned matter to respond to the petitions of Black Mesa Water Coalition, Diné C.A.R.E., To Nizhoni Ani, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club, NPDES Appeal No. 10-15, (the "EMLC Petition") and CAlifornians for Renewable Energy (CARE) and former Hopi Tribal Chairman Ben Nuvamsa, NPDES Appeal No. 10-16, (the "CARE Petition") (collectively, the "Petitions"). Peabody seeks an extension consistent with the request by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (the "Reg. on") pursuant to its Motion For Extension of Time to File Response to Petitioners' Petitions for Review, filed earlier today, December 13, 2010.

Of October 18, 2010, the CARE Petitioners and EMLC Petitioners filed their respective petitions. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a), Petitioners filed appeals with regard to the September 16, 2010 renewal by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region IX, of Peabody' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit (No. NN

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0022179). Concurrently with its petition, the EMLC Petitioners filed a motion for an extension of time to file a supplemental brief. Thereafter, on November 1, 2010, the EMLC Petitioners filed a supplemental brief with the EAB.

On November 2, 2010, Peabody sought leave to file a response to the petitions. On November 3, 2010, the EAB accepted the EMLC Petitioners' supplemental brief and granted Peabody leave to file a response to the petitions. EAB Order Accepting Supplemental Brief for Filing and Granting Permittee Permission to Respond to Petitions, at 1-2 (November 4, 2010). The EAB Order also provided that "[b]oth the Region and Peabody shall file their responses and other documents on or before Monday, December 21, 2010." November 4, 2010 Order at 2.

On December 13, 2010, counsel for Peabody contacted via telephone, counsel for the EMLC Post tioners, Brad Bartlett with the Energy Minerals Law Center, and counsel for the CARE Petationers, David Abney. Both petitioners' counsel indicated that they would not oppose Peabody's motion for an extension of time. Counsel for Peabody also spoke with Ann Nutt, counsel for Region 9. Counsel for Region 9 indicated that the Region would not oppose Peabody's extension request. (Earlier today, Peabody informed counsel for Region 9 that it would not oppose Region 9's extension request.)

In sight of Region 9's request for an extension, the complexity of responding to two separate positions and a supplemental brief, Peabody's travel schedule prior to the current response cate, the upcoming holidays, and that Peabody has not received nor requested any previous extensions, Peabody believes it is appropriate and within the discretionary authority of the EAB to grant an extension until January 14, 2011. Moreover, given the lack of opposition

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U.S. EPA. Environmental Appeals Board, Practice Manual at 43-44 (Sept. 2010).

and prejudibe to Petitioners and Region 9's request, judicial economy would be served by having a consistent response schedule.

For the reasons set forth above, Peabody respectfully requests that the EAB grant an extension of the time to file its response on January 14, 2011,

Respectfully Submitted,

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I the undersigned hereby certified that on December 13, 2010, I caused a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Response to Petitions for Review to be served by facsionile and Federal Express:

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