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## BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED	)	Docket No. 12-2201A
TO POWDER RIVER COAL LLC	)	

## JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND RESPONSE FILING DEADLINE

The State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (DEQ/AQD), through the Office of the Attorney General, and Peabody Powder River Mining, LLC, f/k/a Powder River Coal, LLC (Peabody Powder River Mining) through its attorney, Maryt L. Fredrickson, pursuant to Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 3 of the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure, jointly move for an order extending the DEQ/AQD's September 17, 2012 deadline to file a Response to Peabody Powder River Mining's Amended Notice of Appeal and Request for Hearing to October 17, 2012. The grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. On August 15, 2012, Peabody Powder River Mining filed a petition for hearing with this Council with respect to DEQ Notice of Violation Docket No. 5014-12 (Notice of Violation), a letter dated June 12, 2012 (Letter from Cara Keslar, Monitoring

Section Supervisor, DEQ/AQD, to Staci Hammond, Environmental Supervisor, Powder River Coal, LLC), and a letter dated June 14, 2012 (Letter from Cara Keslar, Monitoring Section Supervisor, DEQ/AQD, to Staci Hammond, Environmental Supervisor, Powder River Coal, LLC).

- 2. By Order filed August 20, 2012, this Council ordered that the DEQ file a response to the petition on or before September 17, 2012.
- 3. On August 21, 2012, Peabody Powder River Mining filed an Amended Notice of Appeal and Request for Hearing.
- 4. The DEQ and Peabody Powder River Mining have initiated settlement discussions regarding the Notice of Violation and intend to continue such discussions until mid-October.
- 5. If this Joint Motion is granted, it will facilitate continued settlement discussions that could lead to a settlement and/or withdrawal of Peabody Powder River Mining's Appeal, thereby avoiding unnecessary litigation and other costs.
- 6. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement by mid-October, the DEQ intends to submit a Response on or before October 17, 2012.

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WHEREFORE, the DEQ and Peabody Powder River Mining jointly move this Council for an Order extending DEQ's response deadline until October 17, 2012. A proposed order is attached.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23 day of August, 2012.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this zero day of August, 2012, a true copy of the foregoing JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND RESPONSE FILING DEADLINE was served by placing the same in the United States Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed as follows:

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