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Re: In the Matter of the NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application, OAH 60-2004-37824

Dear Counsel,

As you are aware, pursuant to my October 30, 2025 letter to the parties (“October 30th letter”), I requested a status update and briefing from PolyMet, followed by response briefs from DNR and Petitioners. I subsequently extended DNR’s and Petitioners’ deadlines via letter on November 14, 2025 (“November 14, 2025 letter”). On November 28, 2025, PolyMet submitted a status update informing me that its tailings storage studies are not yet complete and requested that I extend the stay until the studies are completed and PolyMet formally notifies DNR of its tailings storage plans. On December 5, 2025, Petitioners submitted a response letter similarly requesting that I suspend all briefing deadlines until PolyMet provides the tailings storage plans and briefings.

In recognition that they are the only party to have not yet responded to PolyMet’s submittal, and consistent with my November 14, 2025 letter, I provide DNR until **January 2, 2026** to submit its position on the proposed extension of the stay, should it desire to do so. Otherwise, because the current briefing schedule was predicated on studies and submissions which are not yet complete, **DNR’s and Petitioner’s deadlines described in the November 14, 2025 letter are hereby suspended.** I will issue a decision on the proposed stay extension in early 2026.

Sincerely,

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