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

Dear Designee Wilson:

My July 14 letter promised an update on NewRange's studies by August 14, when the originally ordered stay in this proceeding was set to expire. Because NewRange needs more time to complete its studies, it now proposes that the stay to be extended by 45 days, through September 30, 2025.

NewRange is still working on its previously announced studies regarding possible refinements to the project. It has made, and continues to make, significant progress. But these complex studies are taking longer than expected. As noted in my July letter, NewRange anticipates completing the studies and proposing any resulting project changes later this year. There remains a high likelihood that some project changes will be proposed, which could include changes to the tailings basin. Thus, while NewRange opposed the original stay, it is not seeking to relitigate that issue and believes that the logic of the stay would indicate that it should be extended.

NewRange believes that extending the stay by 45 days is reasonable given the current status of proceedings. It proposes another update at that time—no later than September 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

/s Jay C. Johnson

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