

*In the Matter of the Application for the
NorthMet Project Permit to Mine
Dated December 2017*

EXHIBIT 3

TO

REQUEST TO COMMISSIONER

TO DENY AMENDMENT TO

PERMIT TO MINE APPLICATION

1 have reasonably been expected. Is it so far out of
2 line from what the rules say that we might want to
3 invite the public in to be involved in this decision
4 making? So we're going -- we're going to try and
5 determine whether the request of variance is or is
6 not a substantial change from what the rules say.
7 If it is a substantial change, we're going to treat it
8 like it was an application for a permit to mine, and
9 that goes through the public notice process. It can
10 get us back into that long-winded discussion we just
11 had about objectors. If it's not a substantial change
12 we will just then process it and grant the variance,
13 okay?

14 The next section then deals with amendments
15 to the permit to mine. I mentioned that just a
16 little while ago. An amendment to the permit to
17 mine is a request that is generated by the operator,
18 it's after the operator has a permit. For some reason
19 something changes in -- in their operations and they
20 feel that they want to do something differently than
21 they were given permission for. They make a request
22 to us and -- and the Commissioner determines. His
23 determination is based on whether or not the proposed
24 amendment constitutes a substantial change from the
25 permit to mine. And this is the language -- this