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

Dear Director Wilson:

The parties have reviewed the flash drives referenced in your February 8, 2024 letter. In order to simplify the citation to the Hearing Exhibits and Corrected Transcript of the hearing, and ensure the parties are citing the same exhibits and transcript, the parties jointly request that you accept the attached flash drive containing the Hearing Exhibits and Corrected Transcripts. The Hearing Exhibits folder includes all the hearing exhibits of all parties in sequential order according to exhibit number. The Corrected Hearing Transcripts folder contains the corrected transcripts from the evidentiary hearing, to which the parties stipulated on June 23, 2023.

The parties jointly request to cite the documents on this flash drive for Hearing Exhibits and Corrected Transcripts in order to simplify use of the record. We propose that when citing these materials in their exceptions and arguments, the parties cite directly to each Hearing Exhibit or volume of the Corrected Transcript, consistent with the way these materials were cited in the administrative law judge's report and the parties' briefs in the contested case hearing (*e.g.*, Ex. X or Tr. Vol. X at pg:ln (Witness)).¹ This will make it easier for the parties and the decisionmaker to retrieve and review these record documents and ensure that all parties are citing the same, accurate copies of admitted Hearing Exhibits and Corrected Transcripts.

The parties have reviewed the exhibits and corrected transcripts provided on the attached Hearing Exhibits and Corrected Transcript flash drive and agree that they are complete and accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

(signatures on next page)

Enclosure: 1 flash drive (via U.S. Mail only)

¹ For the sake of clarity, exhibits that constitute either direct or rebuttal testimony by any party's experts shall be denoted by "Ex. X at xx-xx (Witness)."

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