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Mr. Dean K. Moos, Director
Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission (via INSIDE MAIL)
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Dear Mr. Moos:

In an April 6, 2018 letter, you requested a review of Falkirk Mining Company's proposed Revision Number 38 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 by the State Engineer. The revision to the permit expands the mining area to the north, included with the revision was an update to the Underwood Coal Field Ground Water Hydrology document.

With respect to groundwater and wells, the revision includes sixteen wells destroyed by mining activity, and the addition of twenty-one monitoring wells, to the groundwater-monitoring plan. The inclusion of these wells compelled updates to associated maps, figures, tables, and well drillers' reports. The revision also includes updates to the figures showing certified and operational private wells.

The modifications proposed in Revision Number 38 with regards to groundwater hydrology are satisfactory to this reviewer.

Sincerely,

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