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Mr. Tanner Jochim
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Dear Mr. Jochim:

This is to inform you that on August 26, 2026, the Public Service Commission approved your request for a variance from the ten-year responsibility period for 1.5 acres within a tract of reclaimed lands located in the SE¼ of Section 23, T146N, R82W, within Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405. The variance will allow the area where a pond access road was reclaimed in 2018 to be considered for bond release with the surrounding areas that were reclaimed earlier. The final bond release application that will include this variance area will need to include appropriate information from the variance request.

Enclosed is the variance approval form. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Emmer".

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosure

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