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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 P.O. Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: UP \_\_\_\_\_ – In the Matter the Application of Idaho Power Company for an Order Authorizing the Approval of the Purchase of an Ash Analyzer from PacifiCorp

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing is an electronic copy of Idaho Power Company's Application requesting an order authorizing approval of the purchase of an ash analyzer from PacifiCorp.

Please contact me at (208) 388-5825 or Regulatory Analyst Courtney Waites at (208) 388-5612 with any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

Lin D. Madstrom

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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Enclosures

1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
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4	In the Matter of the Application of Idaho ) Power Company for an Order Authorizing )
5	Approval of the Purchase of an Ash ) Analyzer from PacifiCorp APPLICATION
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8	Pursuant to ORS § 757.485 and OAR 860-027-0025, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho
9	Power" or "Company") seeks approval from the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
10	("Commission") for an order authorizing the purchase of the ThermoFisher Elemental
11	CrossBelt Analyzer ("EC analyzer") from PacifiCorp.
12	I. INTRODUCTION
13	Bridger Coal Company ("BCC"), a joint venture between Idaho Energy Resources Co.
14	("IERCo") and Pacific Minerals, Inc. ("Pacific Minerals"), mines and supplies coal to the Jim
15	Bridger generating plant ("Jim Bridger plant"), located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.
16	Idaho Power is the parent of IERCo and PacifiCorp is the parent of Pacific Minerals. The
17	Jim Bridger plant is owned by Idaho Power (one-third) and PacifiCorp (two-thirds). BCC is
18	located in southwestern Wyoming and consists of two principal operating units: a surface
19	operation and an underground operation. The coal from both operations is delivered to the
20	Jim Bridger plant.
21	Surface mining operations began in 1974 and underground operations began in 2004
22	to reduce the cost of fuel supplied to the Jim Bridger plant. The underground operation at
23	BCC mines a single coal seam through the use of a longwall retreat mining system as the
24	primary method of coal recovery, utilizing a shearing machine, face conveyor, and hydraulic
25	roof supports, along with other ancillary components assembled into a single mining system
26	operating simultaneously to extract coal on a continuous basis. The longwall technique is

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one of the most efficient methods of underground coal mining and yields the highest
 recovery of the in-place resource.

3 The Jim Bridger plant is designed to burn coal within specific parameters to maximize 4 generation output. Coal outside of these parameters may cause the plant to be de-rated 5 and will reduce generation output. When the thickness of the coal seams fall below a 6 longwall's minimum mining height, the longwall cut will include the rock overlying the coal, 7 significantly increasing the ash content of the coal. As the rock levels fall outside the specific 8 parameters, BCC may blend the underground product with surface operation coal that has 9 lower ash content to meet the plant's specific parameters and maximize generation output. 10 The Jim Bridger plant measures the ash content of the coal using a ThermoFisher 11 Coal Quality Monitor analyzer ("CQM analyzer"). The CQM analyzer is located at the 12 surface mine and provides real-time continuous data on total ash in the surface operation 13 coal. In addition, BCC operates a Scantech Coal Scan over the belt coal analyzer ("SCS 14 analyzer") at the underground mine. Currently, the SCS analyzer is not reliable and cannot 15 be recalibrated accurately due to a tonnage restriction on the North Wing conveyor. The 16 SCS analyzer is failing to provide the accuracy for the Jim Bridger plant blending 17 requirements, leaving shipments from the mine to the Jim Bridger plant vulnerable to being

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### II. THERMOFISHER ELEMENTAL CROSSBELT ANALYZER

reduced and/or potentially de-rating generation at the plant.

In 2015, PacifiCorp ceased operations at the Deer Creek mine, located in Emery County, Utah, and commenced reclamation activities. Sitting idled at the Deer Creek mine is the EC analyzer. The EC analyzer is designed to mount around an existing conveyor belt and analyze the composition of the coal on the belt in real-time, measuring and reporting ash and sulfur. The EC analyzer unit was installed at Deer Creek in August 2013 at a cost of \$296,700 and used until January 2015. Due to the unreliability of the SCS analyzer at

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the underground mine, BCC is requesting the purchase, relocation, and installation of the
idle EC analyzer from the Deer Creek mine to the BCC mine.

3 If the transaction is approved, BCC will install the EC analyzer immediately downstream from the truck dump station #2 ("TDS #2") stockpile, which is approximately six 4 5 miles upstream from the existing CQM analyzer located at the surface mine. This will allow 6 the EC analyzer to measure the coal quality of all underground mine coal, including coal 7 shipped directly to the plant and coal stockpiled on TDS #2 stockpile, providing the needed 8 accuracy for plant blending requirements. The installation of the EC analyzer will allow for 9 early detection and flexibility in adjusting to coal guality variances. In addition, the EC 10 analyzer can also be used to recalibrate the existing analyzers without having to exceed 11 tonnage restrictions on the North Wing conveyor. The increased accuracy will allow for 12 more precise blending and reduce rehandling of high ash coal. As of July 31, 2017, BCC 13 had spent approximately \$126,000 year-to-date rehandling and shipping high ash from the 14 underground mine to the Jim Bridger plant due to the lack of reliability in the current 15 analyzer.

16 BCC solicited fair market value appraisals for the EC analyzer and selected two 17 companies from a recommended list of appraisers. The two companies returned very 18 similar fair market values for the EC analyzer based on its time in service. BCC views the 19 average of the two appraisals, \$29,850, to be the fair market value. See Attachments 1 and 20 2 for a copy of the appraisals and Attachment 3 for BCC's evaluation of the appraisals. 21 Under the proposal, BCC will purchase the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp at the fair market 22 value, \$29,850. The relocation and installation to the BCC mine will cost an estimated 23 \$66,793, bringing BCC's total cost of the EC analyzer project to \$96,643. Idaho Power's 24 share of the cost is \$32,214 (\$96,643 x 33.33 percent).

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### **III. REASON FOR THE PROPERTY TRANSACTION**

2 Pursuant to ORS § 757.485(1), no public utility shall, directly or indirectly, purchase, 3 acquire or become the owner of any of the stocks or bonds or property utilized for utility 4 purposes and having a value in excess of \$10,000 of any other public utility unless authorized so to do by the Public Utility Commission. The purchase, relocation and 5 6 installation of the EC analyzer by BCC will not adversely affect IERCo, Idaho Power or its 7 customers. The addition of the EC analyzer will more accurately determine the quality of 8 the underground mine coal. The increased accuracy will allow for more precise blending 9 and reduce rehandling of high ash coal. In fact, the Company expects the purchase and 10 utilization of the EC analyzer at BCC to result in lower overall cost of production at the Jim 11 Bridger plant over time due to the maximization of generation output and the reduction of 12 high ash content coal rehandling and shipping costs. This cost reduction benefit will flow to 13 Idaho Power's customers in the form of reduced coal fuel expenses as compared to what 14 would have otherwise existed. Absent the EC analyzer, BCC leaves the coal shipments 15 vulnerable to being reduced and/or de-rating generation at the plant. The purchase of the 16 EC analyzer is expected to reduce the cost of production at the Jim Bridger plant and will 17 provide a more reliable and accurate coal supply resulting in lower overall costs to Idaho 18 Power and its customers.

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### IV. COMPLIANCE WITH OAR 860-027-0025(1) FILING REQUIREMENTS

20 Pursuant to the requirements of OAR 860-027-0025(1), Idaho Power represents as21 follows:

### A. The Exact Name and Address of the Utility's Principal Business Office.

Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street (83702), P.O. Box 70, Boise, Idaho
83707-0070.

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1	В.	The State in Which Incorpo States in Which Authorized		Date of Incorporation, and the Other act Utility Operations.		
2	Idaho Power was incorporated under the laws of the state of Maine on May 6, 1915,					
3	and migrate	ed its state of incorporation from	m the state	of Maine to the state of Idaho effective		
4	June 30, 19	89. It is qualified as a foreign o	corporation	to do business in the states of Oregon,		
5	Nevada, Mo	ontana, and Wyoming in conr	nection with	its utility operations. Idaho Power is		
6	authorized t	o provide retail electric service	e in Idaho a	nd Oregon.		
7	C.			Behalf of Applicant Authorized to s in Respect to the Applications.		
8	The na	ame and address of the perso	ns authorize	ed on behalf of Idaho Power to receive		
9	notices and	communications in respect to	this Applic	ation are:		
10	0 Lisa D. Nordstrom, Lead Counsel Regulatory Dockets					
11		Idaho Power Company 1221 West Idaho Street (83		Idaho Power Company 1221 West Idaho Street (83702)		
12		P.O. Box 70	102)	P.O. Box 70		
13		Boise, Idaho 83707 Telephone: (208) 388-5825	i	Boise, Idaho 83707 dockets@idahopower.com		
14		Facsimile: (208) 388-6936 Inordstrom@idahpower.com	1			
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16	D.	The Names, Titles, and Ade	dresses of	the Principal Officers.		
17	As of March 1, 2017, the names, titles, and addresses of the principal officers of Idaho					
18	Power are as follows:					
19		<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>			
20		Darrel T. Anderson	President	and Chief Executive Officer		
21		Brian Buckham	Sr. Vice P	resident and General Counsel		
22		Jeff S. Glenn		dent of Information Technology and		
23				mation Officer		
24		Lisa A. Grow	Sr. Vice P	resident and Chief Operating Officer		
25		Patrick A. Harrington	Corporate	Secretary		
26		Steven R. Keen	Sr. Vice P and Treas	resident, Chief Financial Officer urer		

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1		Lonnie G. Krawl	Sr. Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Human Resources Officer		
2 3		Jeffrey L. Malmen	Sr. Vice President of Public Affairs		
3 4		Tess R. Park	Vice President of Power Supply		
5		Ken Petersen	Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer		
6		N. Vern Porter	Vice President of T&D Engineering and Construction and Chief Safety Officer		
7 8		Adam J. Richins	Vice President of Customer Operations and Business Development		
9		Tim E. Tatum	Vice President of Regulatory Affairs		
10	The ac	dress of all of the above offic	ers is:		
11		1221 West Idaho Street (837	/02)		
12		P.O. Box 70 Boise, Idaho 83707-0070			
13	Ε.		ral Character of the Business Done and to Be		
14		Done, and a Designation States.	of the Territories Served, by Counties and		
15	Idaho	Power is an electric public utilit	y engaged principally in the generation, purchase,		
16	transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy in a 24,000 square mile area over				
17	southern Idaho, and in the counties of Baker, Harney, and Malheur in eastern Oregon. A				
18	map showing Idaho Power's service territory is on file with the Commission as Exhibit H to				
19	Idaho Powe	r's application in Docket No. U	JF 4063.		
20	F.		ate of the Balance Sheet Submitted With the		
21		Description; the Amount A	Each Class and Series of Capital Stock: Brief Authorized (Face Value and Number of Shares); Exclusive of Any Amount Held in the Treasury); Jired Securities; Amount Pledged; Amount		
22		Amount Held as Reacqu			
23		Owned By Affiliated Interes	sts; and Amount Held in Any Fund.		
24	Idaho	Power requests the Commis	ssion waive the requirements of OAR 860-027-		
25	0025(1)(f) b	ecause this transaction does	not involve the issuance of securities. A grant of		
26	this waiver v	will not impede the Commissio	on's analysis of this Application.		
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- 1G.A Statement, as of the Date of the Balance Sheet Submitted With the<br/>Application, Showing for Each Class and Series of Long-Term Debt and<br/>Notes: Brief Description (Amount, Interest Rate and Maturity); Amount<br/>Authorized; Amount Outstanding (Exclusive of Any Amount Held in the<br/>Treasury); Amount Held as Reacquired Securities; Amount Pledged;<br/>Amount Held By Affiliated Interests; and Amount in Sinking and Other<br/>Funds.
- <sup>5</sup> Idaho Power requests the Commission waive the requirements of OAR 860-027-
- 6 0025(1)(g) because this transaction does not involve the issuance of securities. A grant of
- <sup>7</sup> this waiver will not impede the Commission's analysis of this Application.
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H. Whether the Application Is for Disposition of Facilities by Sale, Lease, or Otherwise, a Merger or Consolidation of Facilities, or for Mortgaging or Encumbering Its Property, or for the Acquisition of Stock, Bonds, or Property of Another Utility, Also a Description of the Consideration, If Any, and the Method of Arriving at the Amount Thereof.

- <sup>11</sup> This Application requests approval of the purchase, relocation and installation by BCC
- <sup>12</sup> of the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp. The total cost of the EC analyzer project is \$96,643,
- <sup>13</sup> which is the sum of the fair market value including relocation and installation costs, of which
- <sup>14</sup> Idaho Power's share is \$32,214. The Company expects the purchase and utilization of the
- <sup>15</sup> EC analyzer at BCC to result in a lower overall cost of production at the Jim Bridger plant
- <sup>16</sup> over time due to the maximization of generation output and the reduction of high ash content
- <sup>17</sup> coal rehandling and shipping costs.
- 18 I. A Statement and General Description of Facilities to Be Disposed of, Consolidated, Merged, or Acquired from Another Utility, Giving a Description of Their Present Use and of Their Proposed Use After Disposition, Consolidation, Merger, or Acquisition. State Whether the Proposed Disposition of the Facilities or Plan for Consolidation, Merger, or Acquisition Includes All the Operating Facilities of the Parties to the Transaction.
- <sup>22</sup> The subject property consists of the EC analyzer as set forth in subsection (h) above.
- J. A Statement by Primary Account of the Cost of the Facilities and Applicable Depreciation Reserve Involved in the Sale, Lease, or Other Disposition, Merger or Consolidation, or Acquisition of Property of Another Utility. If Original Cost Is Not Known, an Estimate of Original Cost Based, to the Extent Possible, Upon Records or Data of the Applicant or Its Predecessors Must Be Furnished, a Full Explanation of

1	the Manner in Which Such Estimate Has Been Made, and a Statement Indicating Where All Existing Data and Records May Be Found.
2	Please refer to Exhibit J, which demonstrates the cost of the facilities by primary
3	account.
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5	K. A Statement as to Whether or Not Any Application With Respect to the Transaction or Any Part Thereof, Is Required to Be Filed With Any Federal
6	or Other State Regulatory Body.
7	Idaho Power is not required to file an application for approval from any other federal
8	or state regulatory body with respect to the transaction.
9	L. The Facts Relied Upon by Applicants to Show that the Proposed Sale,
10	Lease, Assignment, or Consolidation of Facilities, Mortgage or Encumbrance of Property, or Acquisition of Stock, Bonds, or Property of
11	Another Utility Will Be Consistent With the Public Interest.
12	The purchase of the EC analyzer by BCC will not adversely affect IERCo, Idaho Power
13	or its customers. The Company expects the purchase and utilization of the EC analyzer at
14	BCC to result in a lower overall cost of production at the Jim Bridger plant over time due to
15	the maximization of generation output and the reduction of high ash content coal rehandling
16	and shipping costs. These cost reduction benefits will flow to Idaho Power's customers in
17	the form of reduced coal fuel expenses as compared to what would have otherwise existed.
18	Absent the EC analyzer, BCC leaves the coal shipments vulnerable to being reduced and/or
19	de-rating generation at the plant. The purchase of the EC analyzer is expected to reduce
20	the cost of production at the Jim Bridger plant and will provide a more reliable coal fuel
21	supply resulting in lower overall costs to Idaho Power and its customers.
22	M. The Reasons, in Detail, Relied Upon by Each Applicant, or Party to the
23	Application, for Entering into the Proposed Sale, Lease, Assignment, Merger, or Consolidation of Facilities, Mortgage or Encumbrance of Proporty Acquisition of Stock Bonds or Proporty of Another Utility and
24	Property, Acquisition of Stock, Bonds, or Property of Another Utility, and the Benefits, If Any, to Be Derived by the Customers of the Applicants and the Public.
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26	See Sections I, II and III and subsections (h) and (l) above.

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1		N.	The Amount of Stock, Bonds, or Other Securities, Now Owned, Held or Controlled by Applicant, of the Utility from Which Stock or Bonds Are		
2			Proposed to be Acquired.		
3		Not ap	plicable.		
4		О.	A Brief Statement of Franchises Held, Showing Date of Expiration If Not		
5			Perpetual, or, in Case of Transfer/Sale, that Transferee Has the Necessary Franchises.		
6		Not ap	plicable.		
7		V. <u>(</u>	COMPLIANCE WITH OAR 860-027-0025(2) FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR		
8			IDAHO POWER COMPANY		
9		The fo	llowing exhibits are submitted and by reference made a part of this Application:		
10		Α.	Exhibit A. Articles of Incorporation.		
11		A copy	of Idaho Power's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended on May 17,		
12	2012	2, has h	eretofore been filed with the Commission in Docket UF 4278, reference to which		
13	is he	ereby m	ade.		
14		В.	Exhibit B. Bylaws.		
15		A cop	y of Idaho Power's Bylaws, as amended, has heretofore been filed with the		
16	Com	missior	n in Docket UF 4214, reference to which is hereby made.		
17		C.	Exhibit C. Resolution of Directors Authorizing Transaction.		
18		This tr	ansaction did not require approval from IERCo's Board of Directors.		
19		D.	Exhibit D. Mortgages, Trust, Deeds, or Indentures Securing Obligation of		
20 E	Each	Party.			
21		None.			
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23		E.	Exhibit E. Balance Sheet Showing Booked Amounts, Adjustments to Record the Proposed Transaction and Pro Forma, With Supporting Fixed		
24			Capital or Plant Schedules in Conformity With the Forms in the Annual Report.		
25		The p	urchase, relocation and installation of the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp herein		
26	will ı	not mate	erially affect Idaho Power's balance sheet. Idaho Power respectfully requests		
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1 that the requirement to provide pro forma information be waived because the subject

2 transaction is not expected to materially affect Idaho Power's financial statements.

- 3 F. Exhibit F. Known Contingent Liabilities.
- 4 Idaho Power respectfully requests a waiver of this requirement because there are no
- 5 known contingent liabilities associated with this transaction.
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- G. Exhibit G. Comparative Income Statements Showing Recorded Results of Operations, Adjustments to Record the Proposed Transaction and Pro Forma, in Conformity With the Form in the Annual Report.
- <sup>8</sup> The purchase, relocation and installation of the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp will not
- <sup>9</sup> materially affect Idaho Power's income statements. For the reasons set forth above, Idaho
- <sup>10</sup> Power respectfully requests a waiver of these requirements.
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### H. Exhibit H. Analysis of Surplus for the Period Covered by Income Statements Referred to in G.

- <sup>13</sup> The purchase, relocation and installation of the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp does not
- <sup>14</sup> materially affect Idaho Power's income statements and thus the Company respectfully
- <sup>15</sup> requests a waiver from this requirement.
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### I. Exhibit I. Copy of Contract for Transaction and Other Written Instruments.

- 18 Included with this Application as Attachment 4 is a copy of the Capital Appropriation
- Document between Idaho Power and PacifiCorp.
- 20 J. Exhibit J. Copy of Each Proposed Journal Entry to Be Used to Record the Transaction.
- <sup>21</sup> Please refer to Exhibit J attached.

## K. Exhibit K. Copy of Each Supporting Schedule Showing the Benefits, If Any, Which Each Applicant Relies Upon to Support the Facts Required By (1)(L) of This Rule and Reasons as Required by (1)(M).

- 24 Idaho Power relies upon this Application and the attached documentation to provide
- 25 support for OAR 860-027-0025(1)(I) and (1)(m).
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1	VI. <u>PRAYER FOR RELIEF</u>
2	Idaho Power respectfully requests a Commission order approving the purchase,
3	relocation and installation of the EC analyzer from PacifiCorp which is consistent with the
4	public interest.
5	Dated this 26 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.
6	Respectfully Submitted,
7	Lin D. Madotrom
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9	Lisa D. Nordstrom, Lead Counsel, OSB #97352 On Behalf of Idaho Power Company
10	1221 West Idaho Street (83702) P.O. Box 70
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# Attachment 1 Appraisal By John T. Boyd Company

### INDEPENDENT ASSET APPRAISAL CROSSBELT ANALYZER

Prepared For BRIDGER COAL COMPANY (PACIFICORP)

By

John T. Boyd Company Mining and Geological Consultants Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Report No. 1618.102 JUNE 2017



### John T. Boyd Company

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June 2, 2017 File 1618.102

Bridger Coal Company (PacifiCorp) P.O. Box 68 1088 Nine Mile Road Point of Rocks, WY 82942

Attention:

on: Mr. Nathan Schnebeck Associate Mine Engineer

Subject:

Independent Asset Appraisal CrossBelt Analyzer

Dear Sirs:

Presented herein is John T. Boyd Company's (BOYD) desktop appraisal of a CrossBelt coal analyzer that is intended to be relocated for use at PacifiCorp's Bridger Mine (Bridger), located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The date of appraisal is June 1, 2017.

We would like to acknowledge the cooperation of Bridger management in providing documentation and responding to questions and requests for information.

### 1.0 Background

The asset which is the subject of this appraisal is a Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer™ (ECA). The ECA unit is currently located at the closed Deer Creek Mine located in Emery County, Utah. The ECA unit was placed in service at Deer Creek in August 2013. It remained in operation until January 2015. Deer Creek Mine was controlled and operated by Energy West Mining Company, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp, from 1986 through 2015 when the mine was permanently closed. The ECA unit is intended to be transferred to the Bridger Coal Company, a joint venture two-thirds owned by PacifiCorp, and located near the town of Point of Rocks, Wyoming.

At the time of this appraisal, the ECA unit remains in-place and out-of-service as the nuclear sources (the primary core of the unit) have been removed. The unit has not been serviced nor maintained since decommissioning. Pictures of the unit (as provided by Bridger) are shown in Figure 1, following this text.

### 2.0 Opinion of Value

The appraised values of the ECA unit are summarized below:

	Appraised Value (\$000)					
Description	FMV	OLV	NOLV	NFLV	Note	
Thermo Scientific CrossBelt						
Coal Analyzer (Core Only)	29.7	25.2	22.7	12.6	Nuclear Sources Removed	

BOYD considers the current condition of the ECA unit as a "core", an asset requiring a significant rebuild (i.e. re-installation of a new nuclear source/upgrade). Given the current status of the ECA unit as being out-of-service, not maintained, and its "Core" condition rating, the asset is considered to have limited marketability and minimal resale value (less than 10% of the cost of a new unit). BOYD's opinion of the ECA unit's Fair Market Value (FMV) on an as-is basis, is \$29,700.

Purchase of new nuclear sources would cost approximately \$40,000, plus installation and technical support. While an upgrade of the ECA unit's electrics and controls is not required for operation, it would be desirable from a sales perspective. A new electronics/controls package would cost approximately \$180,000 plus installation. In comparison, a brand new ECA unit equipped with state-of-the-art electronics would cost approximately \$300,000.

### 3.0 Scope of Work

By assignment, BOYD completed our independent asset appraisal of the ECA unit on a desktop basis. It is our understanding that the appraisal is required for purposes of internal asset transfer within PacifiCorp. Given the intended use of this appraisal, BOYD considers that a desktop review of the asset is reasonable and appropriate.

BOYD was provided with pertinent information related to the asset including: original price, purchase date, history of operation, current condition, current location, maintenance history, and recent photos of the asset. This information was used as the basis of our appraisal and serves as the primary support for our opinion of value.

We assume the reader is knowledgeable of modern coal processing equipment; we have not included background discussion of mining concepts, equipment, practices, etc.

### 4.0 Valuation Methodology

The following terms regarding valuation are used in this report:

- Fair Market Value (FMV): The price at which an asset would exchange ownership between a willing buyer and a willing seller, each having reasonable knowledge of all pertinent facts (i.e. asset to be purchased and the market for such property), without being under any compulsion to buy or sell, and both are able and willing to act. FMVs are assigned based on used equipment market conditions on the date of appraisal, but actual sales price is directly affected by the demand for used equipment at the time of sale.
- Orderly Liquidation Value (OLV): The estimated gross amount an asset could be expected to bring in from a liquidation sale (e.g. an organized private auction) where bidders are selected and invited for the purpose of generating competition to achieve the highest selling price. OLVs assume a sufficient amount of time (usually 6 to 12 months) to organize the auction and locate potential buyers. Assets are sold on an individual basis, independent from the operations. Additionally, assets are sold based on the current in-place locations at the operations and on an as-is basis. It is therefore necessary to deduct for recovery costs associated with each piece of equipment, selling costs, and fees associated with the sale.
- <u>Net Orderly Liquidation Value (NOLV)</u>: The net dollar amount an asset could be expected to bring in at an orderly liquidation sale minus direct selling costs including: auction fees, equipment recovery costs, transportation costs, facility rentals, administrative costs, and transfer fees. Additionally, recovery costs for equipment are included as the sale is on an as-is/where-is basis.
- Forced Liquidation Value (FLV): The net dollar amount an asset could be expected to bring in at a "forced" liquidation sale. A forced liquidation assumes a public auction of assets on an accelerated basis (typically 60 to 180 days) as compared to an orderly sale; in other words, a "fire sale." Proper advertisement and auctioning processes are assumed but a reduced final price can be expected given the limited timeframe to find suitable buyers in sufficient numbers to generate competitive bids. Assets are sold on an individual basis, independent from the operations. Additionally, assets are sold at the operations and on a where-is/as-is basis. It is therefore

necessary to deduct for recovery costs associated with each piece of equipment, selling costs, and fees associated with the sale.

 <u>Net Forced Liquidation Value (NFLV)</u>: The net dollar amount an asset could be expected to bring in at a "forced" liquidation sale minus direct selling costs including: auction fees, equipment recovery costs, transportation costs, facility rentals, administrative costs, and transfer fees.

In valuing the asset, BOYD used a combination of the Market Approach and the Cost Approach where the value of the asset was based on the condition and the cost to replace said piece with a comparable unit with adjustments made for marketability. In assigning a value to an individual asset, BOYD typically utilizes a number of industry publications, manufacturer quotes, published auction results, and proprietary internal files. BOYD also maintains contact with major manufacturers, rebuild shops, and equipment brokers.

The results of this appraisal are considered reasonable and achievable by an experienced mining asset broker. However, the actual sales prices of individual assets would be expected to vary from the appraised values given various considerations at the time of sale including, but not limited to, time period for marketing and conducting the sale, populations of comparable equipment available elsewhere in the marketplace, demand for specialized mining equipment, potential buyer base, and coal market environment. Other factors include the operating condition, age, historic use, and maintenance history of individual items, equipment options, obsolescence, etc.

The condition of this asset was determined through the photos and descriptions provided. BOYD personnel did not make a physical on-site inspection of the equipment (i.e. work was done on a desktop basis).

#### 5.0 Market Conditions

BOYD has taken into consideration the current state of coal market conditions in the Green River Basin and other western coal mining regions in assessing likely demand for used coal processing equipment. Cross-the-belt or over-the-belt coal analyzers are utilized at most coal processing and handling facilities, including port and rail loading and unloading facilities. A used model that is several years old, such as this unit, even in good working order, is not as desirable as newer models that have state-of-the-art electronic/control systems. For this reason, along with the current condition of the unit, its marketability outside of the proposed mining operations is likely to be limited.

### 6.0 Capability Statement and Project Team

BOYD is a full-service mining and geological consulting firm with over a 70-year history of providing professional services to a diverse client base. Our main office is located in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh), and we have offices in Denver, Brisbane (Australia), and Beijing (China). Our full-time staff maintains expertise in all primary aspects of the mining industry:

- Geology and reserves
- Valuations and mineral/asset appraisals
- Geotechnical analysis
- Operational assessments
- Surface and underground mine planning
- Strategic business plans
- Mineral processing and material handling
- Environmental assessments
- Market and transportation analysis
- Price forecasting
- Competitor analysis
- Financial analysis
- Litigation support
- Mine health and safety

We have had unparalleled exposure to a vast array of coal and mineral properties, including access to commercial data and technical documentation, during the course of our assignments for clientele such as mining companies, utilities, financial institutions, attorneys, reserve owners, equipment manufacturers, and other participants in the mineral industries. While proprietary information acquired during the course of other assignments remains confidential, our collective experience provides BOYD with a solid foundation to apply professional judgment and offer informed and supported opinions in this matter.

BOYD's domestic and international services include evaluations of projects involving metals, non-metals, aggregates, and industrial minerals, but the majority of our business is related to coal. We have performed thousands of coal-related assignments in the United States in every major coal-producing basin. This includes detailed and extensive experience relative to projects in the Western coal basins.

Team Member	Experience	Area of Expertise/ Project Participation
Ronald L. Lewis Managing Director	Over 40 years; registered professional engineer; diverse experience in the analysis and valuation of coal and mineral properties throughout the US and internationally.	Overall review of project findings.
Brandon J. Williamson Project Manager	10 years; registered professional engineer, certified mine foreman. Member American Society of Appraisers (ASA). Primary focus on underground mine planning including valuation of mining entities and assets.	Project Manager. Coordination with client; report coordination; appraisal of assets at underground mines.

BOYD's core project team was comprised of the following personnel:

Team Member	Experience	Project Participation
John L. Hamric	40 Years: Specialist in coal processing.	Appraisal of coal processing facilities

CPP operation, and material handling

facilities

7.0 Qualifications

Executive Consultant

The findings and conclusions presented in this report represent the independent professional opinions of BOYD based on available information and correspondence with Bridger. We supplemented this information with our general industry knowledge and experience. Our opinions have been prepared in a manner consistent with accepted engineering practices and prudent industry standards to the extent possible within the time frame associated with our assignment.

The appraisal values as stated herein represent BOYD's independent opinion and are unrelated to the desires, wishes, or needs of the client. The employment of BOYD in providing an opinion of the value of the assets listed was in no manner contingent upon the value derived herein.

Our expertise is in technical and financial aspects associated with mining projects; BOYD is not qualified to offer, nor do we represent, that any of our findings include matters of a legal or accounting/actuarial nature.

BOYD's findings are prepared using reasonable professional efforts to address the scope within the available time frame of this assignment. BOYD did not perform independent analysis of equipment to verify ownership status as to whether equipment is subject to existing liens. It is BOYD's recommendation that ownership status of all appraised equipment be verified. Our findings are prepared for the exclusive internal use of Bridger and PacifiCorp. While we believe our findings and conclusions to be reasonable, we do not warrant this report in any manner, expressed or implied.

BOYD's findings and opinions are supported by the text, tables, and photographs presented in this report. The asset value is based on the documentation provided by Bridger and the reported condition of the assets at the time of this appraisal. BOYD

and related equipment.

cannot speculate on the condition of any piece beyond the appraisal date or the change in market value due to the actual equipment condition at the time of sale.

Following this text is Figure 1, Selected Photographs of CrossBelt Coal Analyzer.

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Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer™ (ECA) located at Deer Creek Mine Emery County, Utah

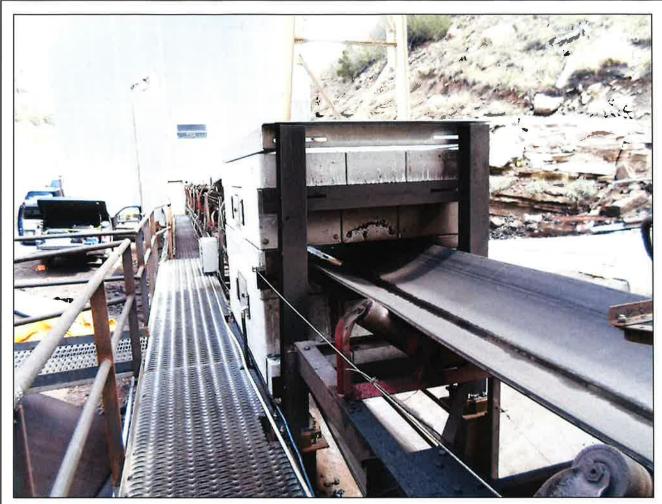
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ECA Serial Plate SN#861063	FIGURE 1
	SELECTED PHOTOGRAPH CROSSBELT COAL ANAL
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ECA Additional Photo 3

FIGURE 1 - Continued



ECA Additional Photo 4

FIGURE 1 - Continued

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## Attachment 2 Appraisal By Hollberg Professional Group, PC

FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE THERMO SCIENTIFIC ELEMENTAL CROSSBELT ANALYZER<sup>TM</sup>



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### DISCLAIMER

The attached report, titled *Fair Market Value Appraisal of Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer*<sup>™</sup> (ECA), was prepared by Hollberg Professional Group PC (HPG) for Bridger Coal Company (BCC).

Hollberg Professional Group professionals involved in this project made a visit to PacifiCorp's Deer Creek Mine and have reviewed information provided by BCC, including technical data and cost estimates, produced by BCC, its subcontractors, and other consulting firms. This review was conducted on a reasonableness basis, and HPG has noted herein where such provided information engendered questions. Except for the instances that have been noted, HPG has relied upon the information provided as being accurate and suitable for use in this report. Hollberg Professional Group assumes no liability for the accuracy of the information provided by Bridger Coal Company and others.

These summary opinions are being given in the course of valuation discussions and shall be subject to all privileges applicable thereto. These statements are not intended to be all inclusive, or final statements, of Hollberg Professional Group's opinions, and are subject to revision or supplementation as new or additional information becomes available.

### **ELECTRONIC DISCLAIMER**

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### UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

Measurement units used in this report are in the English system unless noted otherwise.

### 1.0 EQUIPMENT APRAISAL

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE APPRAISAL

PacifiCorp's Bridger Coal Mine, located approximately 30 miles east of Rock Springs, Wyoming, is planning to transfer a Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer<sup>™</sup> (ECA), located at PacifiCorp's Deer Creek Mine in Utah, to the Bridger Coal Company's (BCC) mine in Wyoming. Bridger Coal Company engaged Hollberg Professional Group (HPG) to provide a fair market value appraisal of the ECA for this intercompany transfer.

HPG inspected the equipment and reviewed documents, interviewed BCC representatives, Thermo Scientific representatives, and others, studied available data and information, performed independent analysis of relevant facts, and has formed valid opinions with respect to the fair market value.

### **1.2 INFORMATION SOURCES**

HPG's opinions are based on the information provided by BCC as well as to what public information that could be found. Should additional information become available, HPG might need to revise or supplement this work.

### **1.3 BACKGROUND**

The equipment under review is a 42-inch Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer™ (ECA).

"The Thermo Scientific ECA is a Prompt Gamma Neutron Activation Analyzer (PGNAA) designed to mount around an existing conveyor belt and analyze the composition of the coal on the belt in real-time. . . . The ECA measures and reports ash and sulfur. A moisture measure and report option is also available. If the optional moisture meter is purchased, the ECA calculates and reports heating value and Lbs SO<sub>2</sub> per million BTU. It is used to control the sorting and blending of coals to maximize coal resources, reduce out-of-seam dilution, and control preparation plant performance. The analyzer's operator interface is a comprehensive, easy-to-use Microsoft® Windows®-based package that comes standard with current analyses, rolling averages, cumulative averages, product tracking, extensive data graphing capabilities, alarm information, and advanced OPC data linking to the customer's PLC or other control system. There is an optional Automated Report Generator software package available that allows data from the analyzer to be reported to the customer in a configurable spreadsheet compatible format."<sup>1</sup>

The unit was installed at Deer Creek in August 2013 and was in use there until January 2015, at which time the nuclear source was removed. The Deer Creek facility is idle and power source terminated with closure activities in process. The original cost of the unit in 2013 was \$296,700, as reported by DCC. Figure 1.1 shows the ECA in place at the Deer Creek Mine.

The Deer Creek's ECA does not have the optional moisture sensor and reports only ash and sulfur. The current book value of the ECA is unknown, as it was part of a larger projects capitalization and cannot be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Thermo Scientific ECA Brochure, <u>www.thermo.com/coal</u>, 2017

separated out. BCC is requesting a fair market value appraisal based on an arm's length transaction for an intercompany transfer of the asset.

### 1.4 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

This is to certify that the appraiser, in submitting this statement of the opinion of value of the subject property, acted in accordance with and was bound by the following assumptions and limiting conditions:

- 1. This appraisal is to be used in whole and not in part. No part of it shall be used in conjunction with any other appraisal.
- 2. No responsibility is assumed for matters, which are legal in nature. The legal descriptions furnished are assumed to be correct.
- 3. Title is assumed to be marketable. Unless otherwise noted, property has been appraised as though free and clear of liens and encumbrances.
- 4. No attempt has been made to render an opinion of title or of any other matters of legal character.
- 5. Possession of this report, or copy thereof, does not carry with it the right of publication nor may it be used for any purpose by any but those who contracted for it without the previous written consent of the appraiser.
- 6. The appraiser is not required to give testimony or to appear in court by reason of this appraisal, with reference to the property in question, unless arrangements have been previously made.
- 7. The equipment was not powered, incomplete, and as such, it was impossible to confirm the operational status of the equipment or its electronic controls. Only visual inspections were made.
- 8. Exposure time, or time to sell, has been specified by the client to be six months or less due to plans for shutting down and reclaiming portions of the Deer Creek Mine site.

### 1.5 EQUIPMENT CONDITION

Mr. Marc Littlefield, HPG's Senior Associate, visited the Deer Creek Mine on 08-Jun-2017, to inspect the referenced equipment. The ECA is installed over a 42-inch belt exiting the Deer Creek Mine. The unit is a Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer<sup>™</sup> Model ECA, Serial Number 861063.

The equipment consists of the ECA cabinet, which normally contains a nuclear source above the belt and a detection tube below the belt. The ECA cabinet and sensors are connected electrically to the main controller (Electronic Module), a Gamma-Link Module, and Operation station for the ECA equipment, which is located inside the MCC room of the Prep Plant. Operation station hardware consisted of a Keyboard, Monitor, and Computer, all looked to be in good condition with no visible damage. Only a visual inspection of the equipment was possible as power to the equipment was not available for a powered test. The software

status for the ECA equipment is unknown, but should be available based on conversations with Thermo Scientific. It may need to be updated and licensed at the new site. The computer hardware is several years old and has little value. The software can be installed on a typical Microsoft Window® computer.

The Analyzer Electronics Module, Gamma-Link II, and Operator Hardware are located in the Prep Plant MCC room that is northwest of the ECA unit. They are intact and look to be in good condition, visually. No power was available for a powered test.

The key to the detector cabinet was not available during our site visit. Deer Creek was able to send an individual to the site on 22-Jun-2017 and provided HPG with photos of the detector (Figure 1.7 to Figure 1.9) showing it to be in good condition. Again, due to the lack of power, only a visual inspection was possible.

Table 1.1sumarizes the results of our visual inspection. Other than the missing nuclear source, the ECA appears to be physically intact, shows no signs of damage, is secure, and is in excellent condition, considering its 47-month (3.84 years) age and 17-month (1.42 years) operational life.

Figure 1.1 through Figure 1.16 are photos showing the ECA and its related control equipment.

The site also provided HPG with a copy of the operations manual, which is included as Appendix 1.0 of this report.

Equipment Evaluation Form		LA EQU.	Client:	ALUATION PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine			
Equipment Number	Manuf	o otumo r					
	Equipment Number Manufa		Model ECA	Type CrossBelt Sampler	Serial Number 861063	Year Mfg. 2013	
	Scientific	ECA	Crossben Sampler	801005	2013		
ECA							
Item Description		MFG.	Condition	Comment/Notes			
Support Mounting Frame		Fab	Execelent	Welds and fastners secure, no damege to assembly			
Upper Shield Blocks		OEM	Execelent	All secure, no visable damage			
Lower Shield Blocks		OEM	Execelent	All secure, no visable damage			
Up Stream Shield Blocks		OEM	Execelent	All secure, no visable damage			
Down Stream Shield Blocks		OEM	Execelent	All secure, no visable damage			
Source Cartridge and Access Door		OEM	Removed	Source removed, rod assembly visable, no damage			
Detector Cartridge and Access Door		OEM	Execelent	Detector Cartridge in place, no visiable damage			
Assembly Protective Canopy		Fab	Execelent	Canopy over unit fabricted by operator			
Decals and Warning Lables		OEM	Execelent	In place no damage			
Power Source		Site	Execelent	All secure, no visable damage			
ANALYZER ELECTRONIC	S MOD	ULE		Assembly S/N A305			
Item Description		MFG.	Condition	С	omment/Notes		
Operator Panel	,	OEM	Execelent	No physical damage, s	secure to cabinet doc	or	
Exhaust Fan, Inlet Filter		OEM	Execelent	No physical damage, secure to cabinet frame			
Heat Exchanger		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Signal Terminal Rail		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
High Voltage Power Supplies		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Solid State Displays		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
PLC with VO Modules		OEM		No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
DC Power Supplies		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Heater/Fan		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Detector Heater Power Supply		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
24V DC Power Supply		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Circuit Breakers		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
AC Terminal Blocks		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Fuses		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Thermostates		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
AC Power Switch		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
AC Power Conditioner		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Dehumidifier		OEM		No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Enclosure RTD Probe		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Processor Assembly		OEM	Execelent	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure			
Terminal Connectors	Terminal Connectors		Execelent	No damage or signs o	No damage or signs of discoloration or heat, secure		
Wiring		OEM	Execelent	No damage or jumped connections			
Power Source		Site		No visable damage, secure mountings			
GAMMA-LINK					×		
Item Description		MFG.	Condition	Comment/Notes			
Control Assembly		OEM	Execelent	No damage secure to structure			
Display Panel		OEM	Execelent	No damage visable			
Power Source		OEM	Execelent	Intact, no visable damage			
OPERATOR PANEL							
Item Description	MFG.	Condition	C	omment/Notes			
Monitor		Site	Good	Physicaly intact, no damage			
Keyboard		Site	Good	Physically intact, no damage			
Computer		Site	Good	Physicaly intact, no da	-		
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## TABLE 1.1 ECA EQUIPMENT EVALUATION Client: PacifiCorp. Deer C

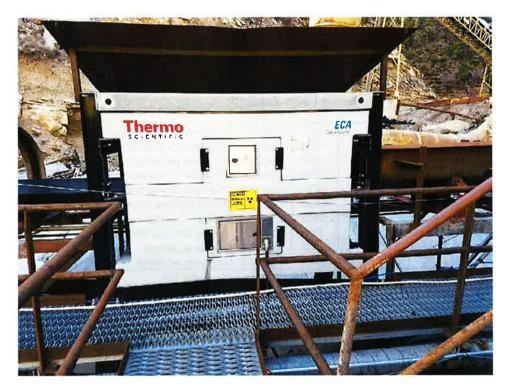


Figure 1.1 Thermo Scientific Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer<sup>TM</sup> (ECA) Control Side



Figure 1.2 ECA Downstream Photo



Figure 1.3 ECA Upstream Photo



Figure 1.4 ECA Identification Plate

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Figure 1.5 ECA Caution Plate Photo



Figure 1.6 ECA Rod Assembly Inside the Source Cartridge Door



Figure 1.7 ECA Detector Section – In Place



Figure 1.8 ECA Detector Section – Partially Removed

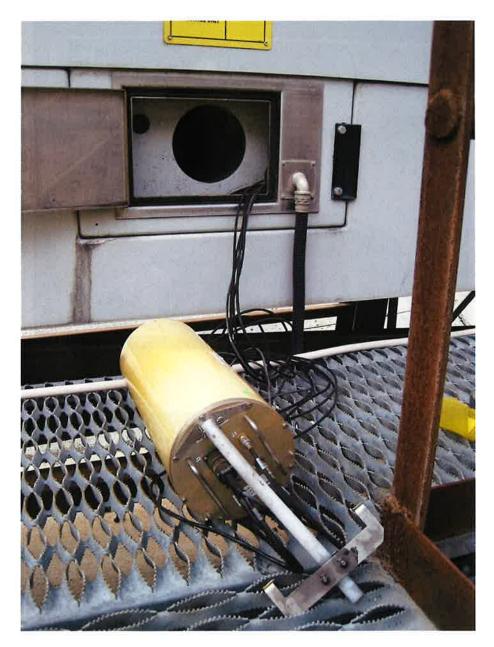


Figure 1.9 ECA Detector Section – Removed



Figure 1.10 ECA Operator Panel for the Analyzer Electronic Module



Figure 1.11 ECA Analyzer Electronics Module with Exhaust Fan and Filtered Inlet

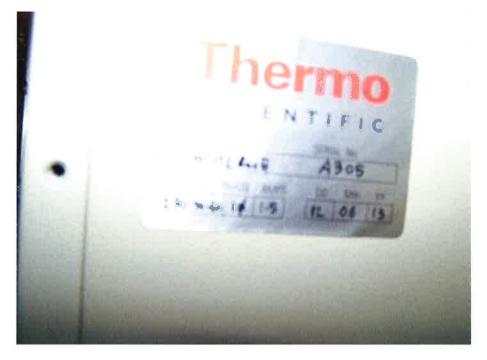


Figure 1.12 Analyzer Electronics Module S/N ID (A305) – Processor Cabinet



Figure 1.13 Analyzer Electronics Module Internal – Upper Half

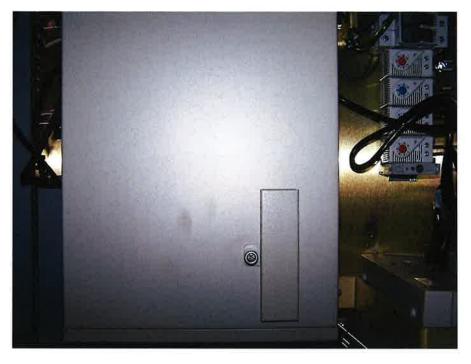


Figure 1.14 Analyzer Electronics Module Internal – Lower Half



Figure 1.15 ECA Gamma-Link II Cabinet

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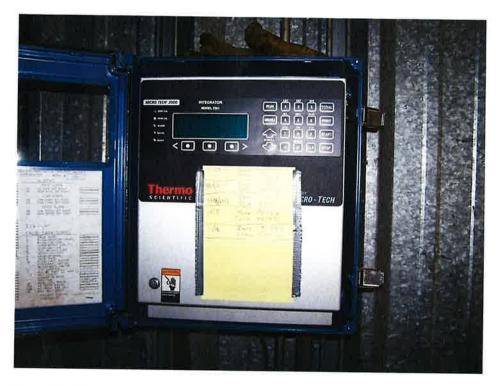


Figure 1.16 ECA Gamma-Link II Cabinet – Open

## 1.6 ORIGINAL VALUE, OWNERSHIP COSTS, AND USEFUL LIFE

The ECA unit was installed at the Deer Creek Mine in August 2013 and was in use there until January 2015, at which time the nuclear source was removed. The original cost of the unit in 2013 was reported to be \$296,700. Value for a similar unit today is \$340,000 with an estimated 8 months lead time, assuming there is no additional payment for expediting.

The unit has minimal moving parts and is made up of the nuclear source, a detector unit, and the controlling electronics. The ECA is a sensitive piece of instrumentation and typically is maintained and calibrated by an OEM trained technician. This is usually based on a costly service contract. Life of the nuclear source is limited due to the continuing neutron emission of the radioactive element. One or more neutron (Cf-252) sources are installed. As a source loses strength, additional sources are added, up to a maximum of four, to maintain the operational strength. Sources are generally added every two years when the source has lost approximately half of its activity (the "half-life of Cf-252). The cost of the renewal unit is \$25,000. The cost of a new nuclear source is \$40,000. These costs make up a large portion of the overall ownership cost of the unit.

The useful life of the unit is estimated at 10-years to 15-years, assuming regular renewal of the nuclear source and normal maintenance and calibration.

#### 1.7 VALUATION METHODOLOGY

There are three typical approaches to valuation: Cost, Sales Comparison, and Income. For this equipment, the Income approach is not appropriate; it is a piece of equipment and as such does not directly produce income. The two methods used for this valuation are the Cost or Depreciated Value Approach (DVA) and the Sales Comparison Approach (SCA), also called the Market Approach. The two approaches are intended to be a check on the appraisers' judgment by reflecting a separate value from each. The final step in the appraisal process is to reconcile the approaches used to value the property. This typically analyzes the range between the approaches to reflect the Market Value based on arm's length transactions between buyers and sellers.

#### **1.7.1 Depreciation Approach**

The depreciated value approach is based on the assumption that the value of the equipment corresponds to its initial value (purchase cost) and its typical useful life. As the equipment gets older, its useful life decreases and the value decreases proportionately, as the equipment's useful life deceases.

#### 1.7.2 Sales Comparison Approach

The Sales Comparison Approach is also called the "Market Approach." This approach is based on the principle of substitution; "the value of property tends to be set by the cost of acquiring a substitute property or alternative piece of equipment of similar utility and desirability within a reasonable amount of time." The sale is assumed to be an arm's length transaction between a motivated buyer and seller.

### 1.8 DEPRECIATED VALUE

The ECA was purchased and commissioned in August 2013, making it 3.838 years old. Assuming a 10-year or a 15-year useful life, the depreciated value, as of 01-Jul-2017, would be \$182,385 and \$220,256, respectively. This value is based on an operational unit, complete and in working order. The ECA in this case is not operational. A purchaser of this unit would be required to replace the nuclear source, move, and commission the unit to make it operational. Assuming the purchaser is an end user and not a used equipment dealer, the remaining value is estimated to be \$112,385 and \$150,256 for the 10-year and 15-year depreciation, respectively. Table 1.2 shows the breakdown for the estimated depreciation value.

TABLE 1.2										
DEPRECIATED VALUE										
Price	\$296,000									
Age (years)	3.8384									
	10-year		15-year							
	Cost	<b>Remaining Value</b>	Cost	Remaining Value						
Depreciation per Year	\$29,600		\$19,733							
Depreciation	\$113,615	\$182,385	\$75,744	\$220,256						
New Source	\$40,000	\$142,385	\$40,000	\$180,256						
Commissioning	\$20,000	\$122,385	\$20,000	\$160,256						
Transportation	\$20,000	\$112,385	\$10,000	\$150,256						
		\$112,385		\$150,256						

### 1.9 SALES APPOACH VALUE

The Sales Comparison Approach, or Market Approach, assumes the equipment is purchased as an alternative to purchasing a new unit from the OEM. These devices are usually custom manufactured for each specific installation. As stated earlier, they are highly technical and require skilled technicians for commissioning and maintenance. For an alternative buyer to use the unit, their needs would have to be similar to the original installation. The specificity of the equipment and limited use reduces the market place significantly.

The secondary market for ECA units is extremely small or non-existent. In the course of this review, HPG contacted multiple used equipment dealers, both domestic and international, inquiring as to the availability of ECA units for sale and if they had, over the course of their business, ever handled a similar unit. None of the contacts had ever dealt or sold an ECA unit. The only secondary market we found was based on Thermo Scientific acting as a broker of the units creating ongoing service contracts. Even at that, there are two other units in Utah that have been idle for over 8-years.

Because of the highly specialized nature of the instrument, used equipment dealers are normally not interested. If they were, they would either pay \$0.10 or less on the dollar or scrap price for a working unit, \$29,600 or \$500, respectively. A dealer would have to remove the unit, store, and market it. Given that the unit is not working, the scrap price is the most likely offer from a used equipment dealer. Therefore, a sale to a used equipment dealer is undesirable and unlikely.

End users purchasing equipment on the used market rarely pay more than \$0.50 on the dollar for operational equipment. A motivated seller, with similar needs as Deer Creek, would need to purchase a new nuclear source, move, and commission the unit. The used equipment price discount generally includes the cost to move and commission the unit. Therefore, based on these assumptions, the market value of the unit is estimated at  $108,000 [(296,000 \times 0.50) - 40,000 = 108,000].$ 

BCC has indicated that the sale of the ECA needs to take place in the next six months because the Deer Creek site is planned for shutdown and reclamation. The ECA is a highly specialized equipment with a very small market requiring long exposure times for willing buyers to be found. The six-month exposure time likely limits the available buyers to brokers or equipment dealers with the ability to hold the equipment and do the necessary marketing. Given the current state of coal mining in the United States, it is likely that the sale would be international, further increasing the cost and risk to the broker.

#### 1.10 FAIR MARKET VALUE

The reconciliation concludes a reasonable value estimate for the equipment by reviewing the appraisal process, specifically, the approaches to value. Table 1.3 shows the result of our analysis.

TABLE 1.3							
ECA ESTIMATED MARKET VALUES							
	Sales Approach						
Depreciated Value Approach	Long Exposure Sale > 1 Year	> 6 Months Exposure					
\$112,000	\$108,000	\$30,000					

The indications of value vary significantly, based on the assumed exposure. A long exposure sale, assuming a willing end user buyer, is likely to be within 4% of the depreciated value. If an end user with the specific needs cannot be found within six months, the likely purchaser would be a used equipment dealer or broker. Although they differ, all value estimates must be considered. The central-point for a long exposure sale, greater than 1-year, and the depreciated value is \$110,000. If a short-term sale or auction sale is required, the likely value is \$30,000 or less.

After careful consideration of all available pertinent information and the subject's characteristics, the estimated Fair Market Value, based on an arm's length transaction of the subject property on 01-Jul-2017, is concluded as follows:

#### \$110,000 Market Value- assuming exposure > 1 year \$30,000 Market Value- assuming exposure < 6 months

Concluded Market Value is subject to all Assumptions and Limiting Conditions stated in this report. No. 7 is of particular importance:

7. The equipment was not powered, incomplete, and as such, it was impossible to confirm the operational status of the equipment or its electronic controls. Only visual inspections were made.

#### 2.0 CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- 1. The statements of fact contained in this appraisal report are true and correct.
- 2. The reported appraisal analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.
- 3. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- 4. My compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of pre-determined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.
- 5. Mr. Marc Littlefield provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.
- 6. The appraisal assignment was not based on a minimum valuation or a specific valuation.
- 7. I have not provided appraisal practice or related services involving the subject property within the three-year period preceding the date of acceptance of this appraisal assignment.

July 1, 2017 Date of Value

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Kurt F. Hollberg Professional Engineer (WY6599, UT 10385339)

Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer™ (ECA) Appraisal – FINAL July 2017

#### APPENDIX 1.0 ECA MANUALS

#### ECA OPERATIONS MANUAL 2003

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### ECA\_MANUAL-020135-REV A

# Attachment 3 Appraisal Evaluation

## Deer Creek Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer Appraisals

Bridger Coal Company July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### **Overview**

Bridger Coal Company solicited two fair market value appraisals for an Elemental CrossBelt Analyzer (ECA) at the Deer Creek Coal Mine near Price, Utah. John T. Boyd and the Hollberg Professional Group (HPG) were the two companies used. These two companies returned very similar fair market values for the ECA.

The ECA was in service for about 2 years and 6 months. The ECA was placed in service in August of 2013 and removed from service in January 2015. The fair market value reflects that the nuclear source has been removed and will need to be replaced before being put back in to operation and that it is setup to operate on a 42" wide belt which is not common in the coal industry.

### John T. Boyd

John T. Boyd conducted a desktop appraisal and did not visit the Deer Creek Mine to examine the ECA. John T. Boyd used the original price, purchase date, history of operation, current condition and location, maintenance history, and recent photos of the ECA to determine the value. John T. Boyd determined that the fair market value to be \$29,700. See the attached report for additional information.

#### **Hollberg Professional Group**

Hollberg Professional Group conducted a site visit to examine the ECA prior to giving their appraisal. Bridger will use the short exposure sales method fair market value. This method assumes a short exposure (6 month or less) on the market. The HPG appraisal of the fair market value is \$30,000. See the attached report for additional information.

#### <u>Summary</u>

The average of the two appraisals (\$29,700 and \$30,000) is determined to be the fair market value. Bridger Coal Company views the ECA fair market value as being \$29,850.

$$\frac{\$30,000+\$29,700}{2}=\$29,850$$

# Attachment 4 Capital Appropriation Document

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