August 10, 2020

By e-mail only

Chief Roy Fox

Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe)

Subject: RE: Participation at the Public Hearing for the Grassy Mountain Coal Project

Dear Chief Roy Fox:

On June 29, 2020, the Joint Review Panel (the Panel) established to review the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project (the Project) issued a notice of hearing. The Panel also sent a letter to Kainai Nation, inviting them to fully participate at the public hearing (CIAR #370). However, this participation was subject to receiving confirmation from Kainai Nation regarding the nature and scope of their intended participation at the hearing by July 20, 2020. Since no such confirmation was received, the Panel has concluded that Kainai Nation does not intend to participate in the hearing process for the Project.

The hearing will be live streamed via audio and video webcast, and you are welcome to observe the hearing. Details regarding hearing dates, format, locations, logistics, and how you can observe the hearing online will be posted to the Registry and communicated to the distribution list at a later date.

The Panel acknowledges and appreciates Kainai Nation's participation in the review to date.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you are encouraged to contact Samantha Sabo, Acting Panel Manager at IAAC.GrassyMountain.AEIC@canada.ca.

Yours truly,

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