BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA, STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION In Re: ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO Appeal of Dayton Consolidated Exploration) Project Permit # 0315 On December 30, 2011, the Comstock Residents Association (CRA) filed an appeal of Reclamation Permit No. 0315 issued on December 20, 2012, by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to Comstock Mining Inc. On January 9, 2012, Comstock Mining Inc. filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene with the State Environmental Commission (SEC). As indicated in the Petition for Leave to Intervene, Comstock Mining Inc. has a direct and substantial interest in the appeal because it is the named permittee of Dayton Consolidated Exploration Project Permit #0315 being appealed by CRA. Comstock Mining Inc. will therefore be directly affected by a decision of the SEC. Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ordered that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Comstock Inc. is GRANTED pursuant to NAC 445B.8915. Dated this 19th day of January, 2012. State Environmental Commission 

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 The undersigned, an employee of the State of Nevada, State Environmental 2 Commission, does hereby certify that on the date shown below, a true and correct copy of the 3 foregoing ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE was duly mailed, postage prepaid, 4 to the following: 5 6 Carolyn L. McIntosh 7 Patton Boggs LLP 1801 California Street, Suite 4900 8 Denver, CO 80202 9 Attorney for Intervener Comstock Mining, Inc. 10 11 Gayle Sherman 12

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