

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

City and County of Denver, Colorado

Project No. 2035-099

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING, READY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, SOLICITING COMMENTS,
MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, PROTESTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND
CONDITIONS, AND FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS

(February 1, 2017)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Amendment of License
- b. Project No.: 2035-099
- c. Date Filed: November 25, 2016
- d. Applicant: City and County of Denver, Colorado acting through its Board of Water Commissioners (Denver Water)
- e. Name of Project: Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on South Boulder Creek in Boulder County, Colorado. The project occupies federal lands within Roosevelt National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service), and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Brian Gogas, Denver Water, Planning Division, 1600 West 12th Avenue, Denver Colorado 80204; (303) 628-6000.
- i. FERC Contacts: B. Peter Yarrington at (202) 502-6129 or peter.yarrington@ferc.gov; Steven Sachs at (202) 502-8666 or steven.sachs@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

Please file any motion to intervene, protest, comments, and/or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2035-099.

k. Description of Request: As part of an expansion of its municipal water supply system, Denver Water proposes to increase the storage capacity of Gross Reservoir, part of the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project, P-2035. Specifically, Denver Water proposes to increase the height of the project's Gross Dam by 131 feet, from 340 to 471 feet. The normal maximum elevation of Gross Reservoir would be raised by 124 feet, from 7,282 to 7,406 feet mean sea level. This would increase the normal maximum surface area of the reservoir from 418 to 842 acres, and increase its maximum storage volume from 41,811 to 118,811 acre-feet. Denver Water proposes to install a pressure reduction valve to maintain the project's existing authorized installed capacity, but the proposal would increase the project's annual generation by approximately 4.4 gigawatt hours. Denver Water's proposal includes the addition, to the project boundary, of 12 acres of privately owned land, 3 acres of Forest Service land, and 40 acres of its own land while removing 321 acres of Forest Service land and 68 acres of its own land. Denver Water also proposes changes to certain license articles and mandatory license conditions. Denver Water also requests a 10-year extension to the term of the project license.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice

and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS" or "FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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