

VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

*Re: Application of Denver Water
Project No: 2035-099*

Gentlemen:

Valley Water District distributes water to its citizens under a Water Service Agreement with Denver Water. While the District is a quasi-municipal government with an elected board of directors, it is wholly dependent upon Denver Water as our sole source of supply and the efforts of Denver Water to enlarge and protect its supply of water is vital to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

The District strongly supports the Commission's approval of the above-referenced Application. The amended license allowing increased production of hydropower will also enable the expansion of Gross Reservoir, which will provide critical storage for a reliable supply that our customers need.

As Colorado and our District grow, we must prepare for greater demand for domestic water. Although our substantial efforts in conservation have helped, conservation alone cannot secure our future demands for water. Further, the expansion of Gross Reservoir will help balance a currently unbalanced system and help us withstand a serious drought or interruption of supply. The District urges the Commission to proceed with the necessary approvals to amend Denver Water's existing hydropower license so as to enable this critical program to move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Randall I. Stone, President
Valley Water District