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B. Peter Yarrington
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: P-2035-099, Final FERC Amendment Application for the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Yarrington:

The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) fully supports Denver Water's recently filed license amendment for the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project and urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve Denver Water's proposed amendments to the License, Articles, and Conditions for the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2035.

Gross Reservoir is a key component of Denver Water's Moffat Water Collection System. The Moffat System has supplied water to the City of Arvada since 1960, and is the City's main water supply for its businesses and residents. During the 2002 drought, the Moffat System came shockingly close to going dry. Had it not been for the cooperative and extraordinary efforts of the Denver Water and Arvada staff to rapidly invent, design, and construct a convoluted alternative supply system, the 100,000 citizens of Arvada would have lost their drinking water for months. Increasing the reliability of the Moffat System through the expansion of Gross Reservoir is a goal the City firmly supports.

As the economic development arm of the city of Arvada it is our goal to ensure that both current and future businesses have an environment in which they can be successful. Assuring a clean, safe, reliable source of water is fundamental to that effort.

Our City has long supported the value of water conservation and established strong conservation programs decades ago, mandating universal metering, increasing block rates, mandatory low-flow plumbing fixtures, and various other measures designed to encourage the wise use of water. Our City created and is applying its Water Conservation Plan, which has been approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

By themselves, these conservation programs will not be enough to support the full build out of Arvada; the 3,000 Acre Feet of additional supplies made available through the Moffat Collection System - Gross Reservoir Expansion Project will be needed. AEDA supports Denver Water's efforts to expand the Moffat system.

Sincerely,

Dave Doherty
AEDA Board President

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