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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
ATTN: B. Peter Yarrington and Steven Sachs

RE: Moffat Collection System (also known as the [Gross Reservoir Expansion Project](#))

The Board of Director of the Bear Creek Water and Sanitation District supports the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of Denver Water's License Amendment Application.

Our District is entirely dependent upon Denver Water in providing water to our citizens. As the state continues to see an increase in population, we must prepare for greater demand on our water supplies. Great strides have been made in conservation but those efforts alone cannot address the future supply demands on the Denver system. The Moffat Collection System Project is designed to meet that demand.

Of equal concern is the need to increase the capacity of Denver's system to deal with source and distribution disruptions from both natural and unnatural causes, particularly on the north end of Denver's system which includes Gross Reservoir. We're concerned that if an emergency or natural disaster on either end of Denver Water's supply system occurs, communities that rely on the system face the real possibility of running out of water. Expanding the capacity of Gross Reservoir will help protect us from the worst consequences of a range of possible emergencies – whether they be the effects of climate change, wildfires, floods, or other crises that might impact one or more of Denver Water's critical watersheds. The expansion of Gross Reservoir will provide a more balanced water system that will help ensure against a serious drought or interruption of supply. As a major step towards a solution, the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project will help us provide water for current and future generations.

We support the Moffat Collection System Project not only because it will help us continue to provide the water our customers need, but because of the benefit of the increased safety and security of the water supply to the entire Denver Metropolitan area. We urge FERC to proceed with the necessary approvals to amend Denver Water's existing hydropower license; the next step to enable this critical program to move forward.

Very truly yours,

David W. Lighthart
President and Chairman

cc: Matt Wittern, Denver Water