

CLINTON DITCH & RESERVOIR COMPANY

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Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426
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Re: GROSS RESERVOIR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT; Public Comments
Concerning the Project No. P-2035-099 – Application for Amendment of the
Hydroelectric License of the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its
Board of Water Commissioners,

Dear Sir/Madam:

This firm represents the Clinton Ditch & Reservoir Company (the “Reservoir Company”), which is an interested stakeholder in the Gross Reservoir Expansion and Hydroelectric Project, and Moffat Collection System Project. On behalf of the shareholders and the board of directors of the Reservoir Company, we submit the following comments in support of the Application for Amendment of the Hydroelectric License by the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners (“Denver”).

I. Clinton Ditch & Reservoir Company

The Reservoir Company is the owner and operator of Clinton Gulch Reservoir, and the water rights thereto. The current shareholders consist of the Town of Breckenridge; Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District; Powder – Copper Mountain, LLC; the Town of Dillon; Dundee Realty U.S.A., Inc. d/b/a Arapahoe Basin Ski Area; the Town of Silverthorne; the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County; Vail Summit Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Breckenridge Ski Resort; Vail Summit Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Keystone Resort; and Winter Park Recreational Association. These shareholders represent every major water user and water provider in Summit County and the largest ski resort in Grand County. Clinton Gulch Reservoir is a major source of augmentation water for these shareholders.


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II. Colorado River Cooperative Agreement

The Reservoir Company, Denver and numerous other parties, entered into the historic Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (“CRCA”) in 2012. The CRCA is a multi-party agreement between Denver and 35 West Slope water providers, local governments and ski resort operators. Focused on cooperation, CRCA brings traditional water competitors together as partners for responsible water development benefiting both Denver and the West Slope parties. The CRCA approves Denver’s Gross Reservoir Expansion and Hydroelectric Project, the Moffat Collection System Project, and implements water reuse and conservation measures in Denver and the Front Range. The CRCA also limits future transmountain diversions from the West Slope, achieves better environmental health in the Colorado River Basin, promotes high-quality recreational use, and improves economics for many cities. The Reservoir Company is pleased to support Denver moving forward with its Application for Amendment of the Hydroelectric License, and Moffat and Gross Reservoir expansion.

The Reservoir Company thanks you for your consideration to the above comments, and encourages support of the foregoing project.

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By:  _____
Glenn E. Porzak, General Counsel

cc: Clinton Ditch & Reservoir Company Board of Directors and Shareholders