

# EAGLE PARK RESERVOIR COMPANY

---

March 23, 2017

**SHAREHOLDERS:**

VIA E-FILING AND U.S. MAIL

♦ *Colorado River Water Conservation District*

♦ *Eagle County*

♦ *Eagle River Water & Sanitation District*

♦ *Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority*

*Consisting of the:*

*Arrowhead Metropolitan District*

*Town of Avon*

*Beaver Creek Metropolitan District*

*Berry Creek Metropolitan District*

*Eagle-Vail Metropolitan District*

*Edwards Metropolitan District*

♦ *Vail Associates, Inc.*

Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426  
E-Filing: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

Subject: 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 Eagle Park 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 principal 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. Eagle Park Reservoir Company**

The Reservoir Company is the owner and operator of Eagle Park Reservoir, and the water rights thereto. The principal shareholders consist of the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District; the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority; the Colorado River Water Conservation District; and Vail Associates, Inc. The Eagle River Water & Sanitation District and Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority have an integrated water system and comprise the second largest municipal water provider on the West Slope, serving approximately 65,000 customers in Eagle County, with a service area that extends from the Town of Vail to Wolcott. The Colorado River Water Conservation District is a public water policy agency chartered by the Colorado General Assembly in 1937 to be “the appropriate agency for the conservation, use and development of the water resources of the Colorado River and its principal tributaries in Colorado.” The Colorado River Water Conservation District is comprised of 15 West Slope counties in which a majority of the Colorado River Basin in the State of Colorado exists. Vail

846 FOREST ROAD, VAIL, COLORADO 81657 PHONE: (970) 476-7480 FAX: (970) 476-4089

# EAGLE PARK RESERVOIR COMPANY

---

Associates, Inc. operates the Vail and Beaver Creek ski areas and related resort properties. Eagle Park Reservoir is a principal source of augmentation water for these shareholders.

## 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 requires water reuse and conservation measures in Denver and the Front Range, and supports Denver's Gross Reservoir Expansion and Hydroelectric Project, and the Moffat Collection System Project. 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.

Sincerely,

EAGLE PARK RESERVOIR COMPANY

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn E. Porzak, General Counsel

cc: Eagle Park Reservoir Company Board of Directors and Shareholders