



March 25, 2017

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Docket P-2035-099

Dear Ms. Bose:

On behalf of Xcel Energy, I am writing to express support for Denver Water's License Amendment Application for the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project and to encourage the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of the proposal. This project will help create an additional 5 million kilowatt hours of clean, renewable energy each year to help power our state.

As the largest energy provider in the state of Colorado, Xcel Energy knows electricity is essential to the 1.4 million electric customers we serve. We use a diverse mix of sources to produce power, delivering safe, affordable and reliable energy, with less environmental impact. Our customers have told us they want increasingly clean energy from a variety of sources—that's why we proactively pursue emission-reduction strategies and offer carbon-free and renewable energy options that support the environment.

The Gross Reservoir Expansion Project has been a model for collaboration and partnership, and will create a net environmental benefit for customers on both the eastern and western side of the Continental Divide. It offers a proactive and forward-thinking strategy that can help enhance water security and water quality across Colorado.

The project not only adds to the reservoir's storage capacity which will aid hydro-electric generation— it also enhances watersheds for rivers and stream flows, improve aquatic habitats, and enhances water reliability and sustainability. Additionally, the proposed adaptive management ensures flexibility to provide water from multiple sources when needed, and ultimately, has helped create a better final program.

For the reasons stated above, I urge FERC to proceed with the next step to help move this program forward for the benefit of all Coloradans and to advance a transition to a more sustainable energy future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Davis', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jerome Davis  
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Xcel Energy