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March 27, 2017

Mr. 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:

GF Properties Group, LLC 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.

We believe the expansion of Gross Reservoir is an important part of the Denver area's water supply, and specifically enhances its ability to provide water to the City of Arvada, which has dedicated significant financial resources for the completion of the expansion of this water supply. This project will help to stabilize the availability of water in our area, which is particularly important given the re-occurrence of drought events. It will also provide a clean renewable hydropower energy source. The expansion of Gross Reservoir, along with stringent current and future water conservation efforts, will help to insure that Arvada has an adequate and reliable source of water for the growing needs of the community.

As the owner and developer of Candelas, one of the largest master-planned communities in the City of Arvada, we strongly support the approval of the application by the Denver Water Board for the expansion of Gross Reservoir. Feel free to contact me at (970) 764-6468, or the address above, if you have questions or would like to discuss our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Mitchell Senior Vice President

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