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The Honorable Kevin J. McIntyre
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman McIntyre:

We wish you the best as you continue your recovery from recent surgery.

We write to urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to accept its staff's recommendation to approve Denver Water's Hydropower License Amendment Application (Application) at Gross Dam in Boulder County, Colorado.

On February 8, 2018, the FERC issued a Supplemental Environmental Assessment that recommended approval of the Application.

Throughout this 14-year process, Denver Water has consistently demonstrated a willingness to be responsive to feedback from stakeholders and commit to minimizing the environmental impact of the project on the surrounding communities. This has resulted in the endorsement of the project by major environmental groups as well as economic development groups and water interests on both sides of the Continental Divide in Colorado.

Colorado is one of the fastest growing states in the country and the Denver metropolitan area is home to some of the fastest growing cities. It is essential we take steps now to meet our state's future energy and water needs. Expanding Gross Reservoir to allow for increased water storage will assist Denver Water in meeting the needs of millions of Coloradans dependent on the utility for their water.

Given the broad support for the project in the state, and especially among communities and environmental groups who understand the benefits from Denver Water's environmental mitigation and enhancement commitments, we urge you to approve this Application and allow the project to move forward.

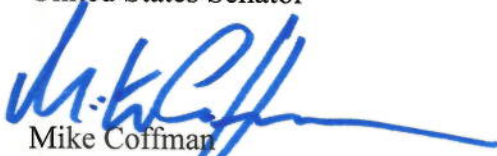
Sincerely,



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