



February 28, 2017

Ms. Rena Brand
Moffat EIS Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Denver Regulatory Office
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Dear Ms. Brand:

As a water and sanitation district receiving water from Denver Water, we support the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of Denver Water's License Amendment Application. While the amended license- and approval to increase production of hydropower that it will provide-is critical, it is part of a much larger program envisioned by a broad coalition of stakeholders from across the state. The larger program will also enable the expansion of Gross Reservoir, which will provide storage for a reliable supply that our customers need.

Our customers rely on the larger collection, treatment and distribution of water from Denver. Availability of this product is vital to the community we serve. As the state continues to see an increase in population, we have to prepare for greater demand on our water supplies. Even with conservation measures in place- which have proven to be significant- our current customers and those in the future can't conserve their way into water security.

Beyond conservation, Denver Water's system is currently unbalanced, with 90 percent of its storage in the south system and the other 10 percent in the north system, which includes Gross Reservoir. We're concerned that if an emergency or natural disaster on either end of Denver Water's supply system occurs, communities that rely on the system face the real possibility of running out of water.

Expanding the capacity of Gross Reservoir will help protect us from the worst consequences of a range of possible emergencies-whether they be the effects of climate change, wildfires, floods, or other crises that might impact one of more of Denver Water's critical watersheds.

Expanding Gross reservoir will provide a more balanced water system that will help ensure against a serious drought or interruption of supply. As a major step towards a solution, the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project will help us provide water for current and future generations.

We urge FERC to proceed with the necessary approvals to amend Denver Water's existing hydropower license: the next step to enable this critical program to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Jamsay".

James Jamsay
District Manager