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DATED: February 28, 2017

TO: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

SUBJECT: **Docket # P-2035-099, Gross Reservoir Expansion Project**

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

My name is Joshua Bertrand and I am the Public Works Director for the City of Glendale. I am writing this letter to support the enlargement of Gross Reservoir to include an increase production of hydroelectric power as proposed by Denver Water.

The City of Glendale is a home rule city that was incorporated in 1952. We currently serve water to about 4,500 residents and about twice as many non-residential customers that work or shop in our city. The City of Glendale has been a distributor of Denver Water since 1996 and one of the main reasons we joined Denver Water distribution system was to ensure a dependable source of water. Prior to joining Denver Water we operated our system off of well field and our water rights were rather junior and vulnerable in case of a major drought.

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 water supply that our customers need.



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A 2002 drought showed the vulnerabilities in the north end of Denver Water's system. During the drought treated water from the south side of the system had to be diverted through a makeshift system that included open ditches. The treated water had to then be re-treated before it was used on the north end of the system.

If there was a natural or human caused disaster that affected the south end of the system, the Moffat System could be the sole water supply for all Denver Water and its distributors. Currently, 90% of Denver Water's raw storage is located in Denver Water's south end, highlighting the need of additional supply on Denver Water's north end in the Moffat Collection System.

Expanding Gross Reservoir will provide a more balanced water system that will help ensure against a serious drought or interruption of supply and will help us provide water for current and future generations of Glendale residents and customers. I urge FERC to proceed with the necessary approvals to amend Denver Water's existing hydropower license.

Thank you for accepting and considering these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joshua M. Bertrand', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Joshua M. Bertrand
Glendale Public Works Director

Cc: Julie Seagren