



LAKEHURST
Water and Sanitation
District

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TO:

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

FROM:

Board of Directors
Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District
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RE: Moffat Collection System Project – Support of Denver Water’s Hydropower License at Gross Dam - Docket Number: P-2035-099

Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District serves approximately 5,600 customer accounts in southwest Jefferson County, Colorado. 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.

The amended license and approval to increase production of hydropower is critical as the state continues to see an increase in population and the need for a reliable source of hydropower and stored water facilities. The availability of hydropower is only a portion of the larger program, one that will enable the expansion of Gross Reservoir which will provide storage for a dependable supply of water.

Our customers rely on the collection, treatment, and distribution of water from Denver. Availability of this product is vital to the community we serve. Even with conservation measures in place, which have proven to be significant, our current customers and those in the future cannot conserve their way to water security.

The drought in 2002 showed how vulnerable and unbalanced Denver Water’s system was, and currently is, with 90 percent of its storage in the south system and the other 10 percent in the north system, which includes Gross Reservoir. We, as a water provider are concerned that if another drought, catastrophic emergency or natural disaster on either end of Denver Water’s supply system occurs, communities like ours that rely on the system face the real possibility of running out of water.

Denver Water has identified a water supply shortfall of 34,000 acre-feet of water by 2030. The question is not *if* we will need this water; it’s *when*. Expanding Gross Reservoir will provide a more balanced water system that will help ensure against a serious drought or interruption of supply. Approval of this permit is a major step towards a solution to minimize this shortfall and 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 project to move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Directors
Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District