



March 8, 2017

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

RE: Amendment to Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric License – Project No. -2035-099

Dear Secretary Bose,

The City of Lafayette (Lafayette), reiterates its continued support of the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project (Gross Reservoir), being proposed by City and County of Denver Board of Water Commissioners (Denver Water). Over seven years ago, Lafayette, Denver Water and the City of Boulder entered into a cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement that will result in the creation of a 5,000 acre-foot Environmental Pool in Gross Reservoir once the reservoir is expanded. The Environmental Pool will result in substantial improvements to the ecology of South Boulder Creek, and will benefit the citizens of Boulder County in general and the citizens of Lafayette in particular.

Lafayette supports FERC's approval of Denver Water's License Amendment Application that will allow creation of additional clean, renewable energy to help power the State of Colorado. Along with this additional power generation will be the additional water storage that is crucial to Colorado's economy and this resilient supply of water is critical to maintain Colorado's quality of life.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has scrutinized the Gross Reservoir environmental mitigation and enhancements. CDPHE has concluded that Gross Reservoir would provide Colorado a "net environmental benefit".

For the reasons stated above, and in light of the commitments Denver Water has made in terms of mitigation and enhancements, Lafayette urges FERC to proceed with the next step to enable this critical project to move forward by approving the amendments to Denver Water's existing hydropower license at Gross Reservoir.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine A. Berg", is written over a large, empty oval shape that serves as a placeholder for a stamp or seal.

Christine A. Berg
Mayor