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

Re: Docket P-2035-099 – Support for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Approval of Denver Water's Hydropower License at Gross Dam

Dear Ms. Bose,

Summit County, the City and County of Denver and numerous other local governments, water providers and ski resort operators entered into the historic Colorado River Cooperative Agreement ("CRCA") in 2013. The CRCA is the product of five years of mediated negotiations, and began a long-term partnership between Denver Water and the West Slope, directly involving 43 entities that either signed the agreement or receive benefits. It is a framework for numerous actions by the parties to benefit water supply, water quality, recreation and the environment on both sides of the Continental Divide. Focused on cooperation, CRCA brings traditional water competitors together as partners for responsible water development benefiting both Denver and the West Slope parties.

The CRCA limits future transmountain diversions from the West Slope, achieves better environmental health in the Colorado River Basin, promotes high-quality recreational use, and improves economics for many cities. The CRCA resolved West Slope objections to Denver's Gross Reservoir Expansion and Hydroelectric Project and implements water reuse and conservation measures in Denver and the Front Range.

Summit County supports the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of Denver Water's License Amendment Application, as it is a critical component to fully implementing the CRCA. In light of the commitments Denver Water has made in the CRCA, and in consideration of promised mitigation and enhancement, we urge FERC to proceed with the next step to enable this program to move forward by approving Denver Water's hydropower license amendment at Gross Dam.

The Board of County Commissioners of Summit County thanks you for your consideration of the above comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Vargo", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott Vargo  
Summit County Manager