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Secretary  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Willows Water District is a distributor of Denver Water that serves approximately 20,000 customers in Centennial, Colorado. We support the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of Denver Water's License Amendment Application. The amended license is part of a much larger program envisioned by a coalition of stakeholders from across the state that will enable the expansion of Gross Reservoir and provide storage for a reliable supply that our customers need.

The droughts we experience in Colorado are a constant reminder of how precious water is in our state and how important our water infrastructure is to a secure water future for our customers. Ninety percent of Denver's water storage is on the southern end of its system and the other 10 percent comes from the northern part, which includes Gross Reservoir. We are concerned that if an emergency or natural disaster on either end of Denver Water's supply system occurs, communities like Willows face the real possibility of running out of water.

Enhancing the supply and reliability of the northern part of Denver Water's system is critically important to our customers, and expanding Gross Reservoir will help protect us from the worst consequences of a range of possible emergencies and provide a more balanced water system that will help ensure against a serious drought or interruption of supply.

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,



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