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Project No. 2035-099

Secretary of the Commission  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject:** Denver Water's consultation with the U.S. Forest Service regarding changes to the Recreation Management Plan (RMP) Addendum for the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2035.

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

On March 24, 2017, Denver Water submitted a response letter to the Commission for its request for additional information to complete the review of the License Amendment Application of the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2035. Per the Commission's request, Denver Water made specific changes to help clarify the RMP Addendum.

To comply with Article 416 requirements, Denver Water submitted the 2017 RMP Addendum to the USFS for consultation. The email correspondence between Denver Water and the USFS notifying the agency of the changes were identified as Item 1 under the "ADDITIONAL MATTERS" section of the March 24, 2017 letter to FERC and the emails were provided as an attachment (*Attachment 7: Denver Water and USFS email correspondence on the revised March 2017 version of the Addendum to the Recreation Management Plan under Article 416*).

On March 30, 2017, Denver Water received a concurrence email from the USFS stating that, "We have reviewed the changes and concur with the revisions made. Those revisions are acceptable to us." Denver Water also committed to providing FERC with the USFS comments and Denver Water's resolution of concerns, if any, following this consultation. Therefore, Denver Water considers this consultation with the USFS completed, as such we have enclosed a copy of this email exchange with this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (303) 628-6318 or via email at [brian.gogas@denverwater.org](mailto:brian.gogas@denverwater.org).

Sincerely,



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**Enclosure: March 30, 2017 – Email correspondence from the USFS to Denver Water regarding the revisions made to the RMP Addendum**

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**Subject:** RE: REVISED Addendum to Recreation Management Plan - Gross Reservoir

Paula,  
We have reviewed the changes and concur with the revisions made. Those revisions are acceptable to us.  
Thank you for the opportunity to review them.  
Greg



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**Subject:** REVISED Addendum to Recreation Management Plan - Gross Reservoir

Greg,

Denver Water received a letter from FERC with some specific questions and comments on the License Amendment Application for the Gross Reservoir Hydroelectric Project (November 26, 2016). FERC stated in its letter that although it did not identify any deficiencies in the Application, FERC requested some additional information to complete its review. In particular, FERC asked Denver Water to clarify and/or correct descriptions of the existing and proposed recreational facilities in the *Addendum to Recreation Management Plan (Article 416)*. Denver Water addressed all of FERC's comments, which we believe are minor and result in no substantive changes to the *Addendum*.

Attached for your review are the following:

- *Addendum to Recreation Management Plan* – Revised March 16, 2017 – All of the revisions are shown in red-line/strike-out with comments explaining why the change was made. The comments also reference corresponding revisions made to the figures.

- *Addendum Figures* – The revised figures titled, L2, L-6, L-7 and L-9
- *Addendum to Recreation Management Plan* – Revised March 16, 2017 – Clean version that will be submitted to FERC

We would appreciate your review of these changes and request that you provide a return email stating any comments or concerns you might have, or that you find the revisions acceptable. If possible, we would appreciate your response by March 30, 2017 so we can provide FERC with documentation of your review and concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Alexander (303-628-6573) or me (303-628-6524).

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Paula

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