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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14263-000—Wyoming/Colorado Regional Watershed Supply Project Wyco Power and Water, Inc.

Mr. Aaron Million Wyco Power and Water, Inc. 1436 West Oak Fort Collins, CO 80521

Reference: **Deficient Preliminary Permit Application and Request for Additional Information**

Dear Mr. Million:

Your preliminary permit application filed on September 1, 2011, for the Regional Watershed Supply Project No. 14263-000, is deficient.

The deficiencies are identified in the attached Schedule A. Also, we have identified in the attached Schedule B additional information needed before we can complete our evaluation of your preliminary permit application.

Your proposed licensing schedule in Exhibit 2A only allows 6 months for consulting with participants and doing technical studies after you submit a Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document. This schedule is inconsistent with the time frames outlined in the Commission's regulations (18 CFR Part 5) for the Integrated Licensing process (ILP). The following link will give you the regulatory time frames we follow in the ILP:

http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/licensing/ilp/flowchart.pdf.

In Section (1) of Exhibit 1, you propose to install nine natural-gas powered pump stations. Depending on how natural gas would be supplied to these pump stations, the Commission may have jurisdiction of any proposed pipeline that would need to be built. Therefore, in the development of any future license application, you should consider whether natural gas pipelines already exist that could supply the pump stations or whether new pipeline facilities would need to be built.

Within 30 days, please file the requested information electronically via the Internet. See 18 C.F.R. 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the

Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, your response may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please put the docket number, P-14263-000 on the first page of your response.

Failure to provide this information may result in your application being rejected. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Jim Fargo at (202) 502-6095.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Welch, Chief West Branch Division of Hydropower Licensing

Enclosure: Schedule A

Schedule B

cc: Public Files

DEFICIENCIES

- 1. Section 4.81 (a) requires that an applicant identify the owners or operators of any dam or facility that is part of the proposed project. Please identify the federal owner or operator of Flaming Gorge Reservoir and give the name and address of the owner of Lake Hattie.
- 2. Section 4.81 (b) requires that you describe the proposed project, specifying all the facilities that would be part of your proposal. Our review of your application shows that your Exhibit 3 map does not show several proposed developments. Please revise the Exhibit 3 map to identify the location of: (a) the Wild Horse Canyon Pumped Storage Project; (b) the nine natural-gas powered pump stations; and (c) the four reservoirs that you propose to build as part of the overall water supply project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Because the Commission would only have jurisdiction with regard to the proposed hydroelectric development, which is only one component of the proposed 501-mile-long water supply pipeline project, construction of substantial parts of the overall project may require permits from other federal agencies. For the 3,212 acres of federal land you identify in exhibit 3, please identify the responsible federal agencies that manage those lands.
- 2. For us to better understand the elevation changes along the proposed pipeline, please include a drawing of the hydraulic grade line at the various pipeline stations, including a plot of the ground elevation at each station.
- 3. On a separate map of the proposed pipeline, highlight the part of the pipeline where you are proposing to develop the hydroelectric facilities.