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Colorado Water Quality Control Commission 4210 E. 11th Street Denver, Colorado

Dear Commission Members:

The City Council of Grand Junction has had in the past, and continues to have as one of its major goals, the elimination of densely populated areas in and around Grand Junction being without the service of sanitary sewer systems. In 1969 with the aid of a federal grant, the City improved and enlarged the existing sewage treatment plant to serve as a regional plant.

The City has entered into agreements with sewer districts outside the City whereby the sewage from those districts is treated at the City plant. The largest of those districts is the Central Grand Valley and Orchard Mesa Sanitation Districts.

The City Council and the Mesa County Commissioners both recognize the need for additional treatment facilities for both in-City and out of City developments. In an effort to prevent duplication of expenditures and efforts, the City and County governing bodies have determined to jointly build a new sewage treatment plant and interceptor lines to that plant. Efforts in that direction were initiated when the City Council appointed three members to the Area Wide Sewer Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations to the City Council and County Commissioners as to the best method of jointly providing sewerage to the area. The Committee is expected to become an advisory committee to a future joint City-County department, metro district, or whatever the final organization is. In the meantime the Committee is effectively guiding the two governing bodies toward the joint construction of the new plant.

The Sewer Advisory Committee has the recognition and endorsement of the Grand Junction City Council and is believed to be an effective force in bringing about a coordinated effort between the City and County.

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Yours truly,

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