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Mr. J. E. Abbott, Vice-President Henningson, Durham, & Richardson 310 Capitol Life Center Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Grand Junction/Mesa County, 201 Facility Plan Up-Date

Dear Jim:

In response to your letter of April 7, 1977, and our subsequent meeting. | will try to outline the Division's position on the required effluent standards for the Grand Junction treatment plant (or plants).

As you know the present stream classification for the Colorado River below Grand Junction is B₂, or water suitable for fish and other aquatic life. Under this classification, and for the size of plant proposed, ammonia removal would be required during critical times of the year. The only way to remove the ammonia reduction requirement would be for the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission to reclassify approximately 3 miles of the Colorado River below Grand Junction to B₂-C and except the NH₃ criteria of 0.02 mg/l un-ionized NH₃. We in the Division are doubtful the Commission would do this, and if they did, we are doubtful the EPA would approve it because of the concern for some endangered species of fish life in the Colorado River.

Therefore, we suggest H.D.R. consider NH₃ reduction, as outlined in the Basin plan, in their preliminary engineering plans. I think we pretty well discussed the various alternative configuration of plants (one regional vs. two smaller plants) in our meeting yesterday.

Future effluent requirements for the discharges are expected to be as follows:

BOD₅ 30 mg/l (30day average), 45 mg/l (7day average) SS 30 mg/l (30day average), 45 mg/l (7day average)

NH₃ 765#/day segment allocation (Grand Valley Canal diversion to Utah State line).

Fecal Coliform 6000 (30day average), 12000 (7day average)

Cl₂ residual 0.2 mg/l or less

Very truly yours,

FOR DIRECTOR, WATER QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION

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