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APPLICATION FOR ENERGY/MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION/MESA COUNTY

(Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Application Number: _____

Date Received: JUL 21 1981

Application for: Energy/Mineral
Impact Assistance

Submitted to: The Division of Energy and Mineral Impact
1313 Sherman Street, Room 518
Denver, Colorado 80203

1. Applicant Agency:

Name City of Grand Junction

Name of Contact Person James Patterson

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Grand Junction, CO 81501

2. Local Government Sponsor (if different than above):

Name Mesa County

Name of Contact Person Curt Weideman

Telephone No. (303) 244-1603

Address P. O. Box 897

Grand Junction, CO 81501

3. Project Title:

Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant

4. Project Amount:

(a) Local Share \$ 4,668,750.00

(b) Federal Share 10,580,346.00

(c) Industry Share _____

(d) Other (please identify source) _____

(e) Impact Assistance Funds 3,425,904.00

(f) Project Total 18,675,000.00

10. Current population of applicant/sponsor and source of this data:

Mesa County	81,530	} 1980 Census
Grand Junction	28,144	

11. Project population and the source of this projection:

1980 Census -	53,995)	Mesa County Capital Improvement Program Prepared by PQDA Consultants
1985 Projection -	78,100)	
1990 Projection -	98,477)	

12. Indicate the coordination with the local impact team. Has the project been prioritized by the local team and other planning agencies?

The project has received A-95 and local planning agencies review.

13. Briefly describe any other features of the project or community which make it particularly appropriate for receipt of impact funds:

The City of Grand Junction and Mesa County have agreed to jointly own and operate a single sanitary sewage system to serve the urban area. It is felt that this is in the best interest of the citizens of the area in that it eliminates costly duplication of treatment facilities and operations and maintenance cost. It consolidates planning and reduces the number of quasi-municipal organizations by preventing a proliferation of sanitation districts.

The City and County have also agreed and have established a sewer system that is totally supported by fees collected. This way, the users are paying the true cost of the system and those who are not receiving any benefit from the system do not pay a part of the cost of the system. This also allows revenues from property and sales taxes to be used to support those services which do not generate revenue.

The citizens of the Grand Junction area are thus contributing the full cost of operating the sewer system once it is built. The problem with all municipalities is that "up front" revenue is needed to construct capital improvements which will serve the areas citizens for a long period. It usually is not possible for todays citizens to supply the revenue to construct facilities which will serve both them and future citizens of the area. Because much of the need for the sewer facilities in the Grand Junction area is being created in relation to the activities associated with energy development, it seems reasonable that Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance funds should be used to help meet those needs.