

October 14, 1981

TO: Energy Impact Assistance Advisory Committee  
Redstone Inn  
Redstone, Colorado

The County of Mesa and the City of Grand Junction are opening bids on the permanent plant installation for wastewater treatment on November 12, 1981. We therefore jointly are requesting \$3.4 million from the State Impact Assistance Funds to complete this vital facility by late 1983. In 1980 and 1981 we received cease and desist orders and subsequent variances for violations incurred as they relate to bacterial count and effluent and biochemical demand standards (BOD) being violated in the summer months. During the time between now and late 1983, it will be necessary for the system to include two additional river crossing interceptor lines to an unsewered area of the valley at a cost of \$1.8 million which will probably be funded by local monies.


This \$3.4 million represents 12% of the total amount of money necessary to complete this project and would necessitate the increasing of our annual bond payments of 40% or \$600,000 in bond payments per year if these funds cannot be acquired. We have increased our monthly service rates and tap fees in the past year and anticipate an annual additional increase as per the bond indentures. This 12% of the project would represent 6500 people in population. When we look at the services that are being provided in the Mesa County and Grand Valley area, the population that actually resides here and the related businesses of coal, oil shale and uranium in this area, we can easily attribute that number of people in the next 2 years to that impact - plus some.

As was pointed out in previous documents, this project incorporates a number of sanitation districts for treatment purposes to comply with the EPA's request for consolidation of systems.

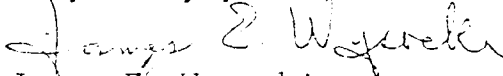
Attached is information regarding the County sales tax proposal and how the capital monies will be expended.

We respectfully request that a portion of the \$3.4 million be released in 1982 and the balance in 1983. We appreciate your consideration of the matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Curt Wiedeman  
County Administrator

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James E. Wysocki  
City Manager

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Attachment