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Mr. John Rampe
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Rocky Flats Office
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Dear John:

Thank you for meeting with me on April 13, to discuss the status of the Standley Lake Protection Project (SLPP). As we discussed at the meeting, with construction underway or bids awarded on all of the project components, we can now begin to more accurately predict the overall cost of the project. You have had previous discussions with Jim Holladay on potential project savings, and the discussions centered on savings in the \$3 to \$5 million range. Our discussion focused on potential uses for that savings.

I believe that we both agree that a portion of the funding needs to be returned to the United States Treasury, as Westminster has previously made commitments to Congressman Skaggs to show savings on the project if possible. The Department of Energy is planning to use approximately \$400,000 for necessary water rights and development of a wetlands bank at the existing SLPP wetlands mitigation site. There may also be additional costs associated with the purchase of water rights necessary for the wetlands. You also conveyed that the City of Broomfield has requested approximately \$500,000 to cover additional costs of the Great Western Reservoir Replacement Project.

As we discussed at our meeting, Westminster has also identified several potential areas to enhance the "Water Management Program" with relation to Standley Lake. Many of these enhancements are being considered as the result of changes which have occurred since 1990 when the Option B projects were first defined. Significant changes include the presence of the bald eagles which are now attempting to nest near Standley Lake, the change in mission at the Rocky Flats plant, proposed economic development at the site, the extent of contamination and required cleanup is better defined, and the proposal to release portions of the buffer zone for as yet undefined uses. Some of the enhancements the City would like to discuss with you would include:

- ◆ Purchase of additional land to prevent further encroachment on eagle habitat - Several large parcels have been identified at the west end of Standley Lake which, if developed, could increase the potential for impacts to the eagles.
- ◆ Steps to provide additional water quality protection to offset potential impacts from the change in mission at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. These include steps which would minimize impacts from urban runoff on Standley Lake, in order to preserve the water quality for municipal and

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agricultural purposes as well as providing a fishery for the eagles. The steps could include such improvements as:

- 1) Modifications to the Church Ditch for use as a diversion to route urban runoff around Standley Lake.
- 2) Establishing conservation easements along the natural drainages.
- 3) Creating additional wetlands along the drainages to treat water in the drainages.
- 4) Aeration of Standley Lake, to prevent releases of nutrients and metals, including plutonium, from sediments in the lake bottom.

I would like to explore these options with you in the near future for possible funding with excess grant funds. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Truly yours,

Ronald A. Hellbusch
Director of Public Works and Utilities

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