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Clear Creek Board of County Commissioners
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CLEAR CREEK POWER, LLC

Dear Commissioners,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is, respectfully, submitting this letter of support on behalf of Clear Creek Power, LLC (CCP), which is applying for a special use permit for the installation of a 20m (66') tall anemometer for the purpose of gathering wind data. The specific property upon which CCP wants to erect the anemometer is located east of Georgetown in the southeast corner of Section 9 and the southwest corner of Section 10. It is our understanding that the intent of their application is to collect wind and weather data to determine if the that area is e suitable for a potential wind-power generation project. The following summarizes the basis for our support of CCP's special use permit application:

- EPA has a long history of involvement in Clear Creek County addressing the environmental impacts from historical mining and working with the community on watershed protection issues. EPA believes that siting renewable energy systems on and around abandoned mine lands could help our its efforts to mitigate the detrimental effects of historical mining by increasing the value of these properties and providing incentive for owners/developers to make improvements that will decrease the negative environmental impacts of mine waste and mine drainage.
- The EPA fully supports Resolution No. 08-34, adopted on March 12, 2008, by the Board of Clear Creek County Commissioners, to achieve 1 GW of renewable energy and power offsets by 2018. We believe that CCP's efforts to gather additional wind data is a positive step towards achieving that goal.

Please contact me at (303) 312-6293, if you have any questions about EPA's support for renewable energy and sustainability in Clear Creek County.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Rehder,
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