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Mr. Eric Hecox Section Chief, Water Supply Planning Section Colorado Water Conservation Board 1580 Logan, Room 200 Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hecox,

In September 2008 the Colorado Water Conservation Board approved funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account for the project titled Demonstration of Membrane Zero Liquid Discharge Process for Drinking Water Systems. The project was cooperatively developed by the Membrane Treatment Workgroup (MTW), a workgroup formed at the direction of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission under the auspices of the Water Quality Forum. This letter is to notify the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) of the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) Board of Director's approval that WERF work with the Conservation Board staff to negotiate and execute a contract for management of this project. WERF staff reviewed a CWCB contract template provided by Dave Akers of the Colorado Water Quality Control Division and WERF found no issues with the boilerplate contract language that would prevent our agencies from being able to execute a contract.

WERF looks forward to working with the CWCB and other partners to help address such an important issue to Colorado utilities. WERF brings experience and technical management capacity in overseeing research projects. Founded in 1989, WERF is a non-profit organization incorporated in Virginia and organized in compliance with the Internal Revenue Services 501(c) (3) designation. WERF is dedicated to advancing science and technology addressing water quality issues as they impact water resources, the atmosphere, the lands, and quality of life.

We thank you for the opportunity to work with the State of Colorado and other utility partners to collaborate in this effort. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (571) 384-2099 or at <a href="mailto:cternieden@werf.org">cternieden@werf.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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**Assistant Director of Research**