DATE FILED: December 31, 2013 2:56 PM DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 5 FILING ID: F52DA28D4D057 STATE OF COLORADO CASE NUMBER: 2013CW3109 Court Address: 109 Eighth Street, Suite 104 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 (970) 945-5075 telephone CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR WATER **RIGHTS OF:** THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO **▲** COURT USE ONLY **▲** in Garfield County, Colorado. Attorneys for Applicant: Mark E. Hamilton, #24585 Name: Address: HOLLAND & HART LLP 600 East Main Street, Suite 104 Aspen, CO 81611-1991 **Case Number:** Telephone: (970) 925-3476 Facsimile: (866) 784-7682 13 CW ____ E-Mail: MEHamilton@hollandhart.com Name: Christopher L. Thorne, #20003 Div.: Ctrm.: Address: HOLLAND & HART LLP 555 17th Street, Suite 3200 Denver, CO 80202-3979 Telephone: (303) 295-8488 Facsimile: (303) 713-6310 E-Mail: CThorne@hollandhart.com APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHTS

FOR RECREATIONAL IN-CHANNEL USES

1. Name and address of Applicant:

City of Glenwood Springs c/o Jan Shute, City Attorney 101 West 8th Street Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 District Court, Water Division No. 5
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- 2. *Introduction*: The City of Glenwood Springs ("City" or "Applicant") seeks to confirm three conditional water rights associated with three whitewater parks in and on the Colorado River: the No Name Whitewater Park, the Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park, and the Two Rivers Whitewater Park. Each location will have control structures designed to control the entire flow within the river channel and to perform at various rates of flow for the beneficial uses described below. The locations of these three parks are depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A).
- 3. *Names of structures*: No Name Whitewater Park, Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park, and Two Rivers Whitewater Park.
- 4. Conditional surface water right for recreational in-channel diversion: No Name Whitewater Park
 - a. Location:

The diversion structures comprising the No Name Whitewater Park will be located in the channel of the Colorado River between the following two points on the centerline of the river:

i. No Name Whitewater Park Upstream Extent:

PLSS: NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 1880 feet from the north section line and 85 feet from the west section line of said Section 1, Garfield County, CO.

UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,381,478 m, easting 303.685 m

ii. No Name Whitewater Park Downstream Extent:

PLSS: NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 1475 feet from the south section line and 1290 feet from the east section line of said Section 1, Garfield County, CO.

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UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,381,237 m, easting 303,246 m

The precise locations of the structures within this reach of the Colorado River will be confirmed upon making this conditional water right absolute.

b. Source: Colorado River

c. Appropriation date: December 19, 2013

- d. How appropriation was initiated: By formation of the requisite intent to appropriate coupled with actions manifesting such intent, including but not limited to discussions in public meetings, engineering and planning studies, preliminary design, and passage of Resolution 2013-38 by the City authorizing the filing of this Application.
- e. Date water applied to beneficial use: N/A (this claim is for a conditional water right)
- f. Amounts claimed:

Time Period Flow Rate (c.f.s.)

Apr. 1 through Apr. 29	1250
Apr. 30 through May 10	Not to exceed 2500*
May 11 through July 6	Not to exceed 4000*
July 7 through July 23	Not to exceed 2500*
July 24 through Sept 30	1250

The above amounts claimed are limited to the period between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. each day, except during competitive events when these hours may be extended to between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight each day.

- *Applicant seeks to confirm a conditional water right for up to five days of event flows at a rate of 4000 c.f.s. between May 11 and July 6, with the remainder of days between April 30 and July 23 not to exceed the claimed 2500 c.f.s. flow rate. *See* below remarks in Section 8.a concerning additional limitations.
- g. Use: All recreational uses in and on the Colorado River including without limitation, boating, rafting, kayaking, tubing, floating, canoeing, paddling, and all other non-motorized recreational uses.
- 5. Conditional surface water right for recreational in-channel diversion: Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park
 - a. Location:

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The diversion structures comprising the Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park will be located within the channel of the Colorado River between the following two points on the centerline of the river:

i. Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park Upstream Extent:

PLSS: NW¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 1285 feet from the south section line and 1910 feet from the east section line of said Section 3, Garfield County, CO.

UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,381,288 m, easting 301,608 m

ii. Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park Downstream Extent:

PLSS: NW¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 1920 feet from the north section line and 2250 feet from the east section line of said Section 3, Garfield County, CO.

UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,381,513 m, easting 301,551 m

The precise locations of the structures within this reach of the Colorado River will be confirmed upon making this conditional water right absolute.

- b. Source: Colorado River
- c. Appropriation date: December 19, 2013
- d. How appropriation was initiated: By formation of the requisite intent to appropriate coupled with actions manifesting such intent, including but not limited to discussions in public meetings, engineering and planning studies, preliminary design, and passage of Resolution 2013-38 by the City authorizing the filing of this Application.
- e. Date water applied to beneficial use: N/A (this claim is for a conditional water right)
- f. Amounts claimed:

Time Period	Flow Rate (c.f.s.)
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Apr. 30 through May 10	Not to exceed 2500*
May 11 through July 6	Not to exceed 4000*
July 7 through July 23	Not to exceed 2500*

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July 24 through Sept 30	1250

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- * Applicant seeks to confirm a conditional water right for up to five (5) days of event flows at a rate of 4000 c.f.s. between May 11 and July 6, with the remainder of days between April 30 and July 23 not to exceed the claimed 2500 c.f.s. flow rate. *See* below remarks in Section 8.a concerning additional limitations.
- g. Use: All recreational uses in and on the Colorado River including without limitation, boating, rafting, kayaking, tubing, floating, canoeing, paddling, and all other non-motorized recreational uses.
- 6. *Conditional surface water right for recreational in-channel diversion:* Two Rivers Whitewater Park
 - a. Location:

The diversion structures comprising the Two Rivers Whitewater Park will be located within the channel of the Colorado River between the following two points on the centerline of the river:

i. Two Rivers Whitewater Park Upstream Extent:

PLSS: SW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 2394 feet from the north section line and 1975 feet from the east section line of said Section 9, Garfield County, CO.

UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,380,248m, easting 300,033 m

ii. Two Rivers Whitewater Park Downstream Extent:

PLSS: SE¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 89 West of the 6th P.M., at a point 2075 feet from the north section line and 2330 feet from the west section line of said Section 9, Garfield County, CO.

UTM: NAD 83 Zone 13S: northing 4,380,353 m, easting 299,772 m

The precise locations of the structures within this reach of the Colorado River will be confirmed upon making this conditional water right absolute.

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b. Source: Colorado River

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- g. Use: All recreational uses in and on the Colorado River including without limitation, boating, rafting, kayaking, tubing, floating, canoeing, paddling, and all other non-motorized recreational uses.
- 7. Names and addresses of owners of lands upon which structures will be located (based upon information obtained from the Garfield County Assessor):
 - a. No Name Whitewater Park:

Colorado Department of Transportation 222 S. 6th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 District Court, Water Division No. 5
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Joseph Wayne McKeel 6544 Harlow Drive Bremerton, WA 98312

b. Horseshoe Bend Whitewater Park:

City of Glenwood Springs (Applicant)

c. Two Rivers Whitewater Park:

City of Glenwood Springs (Applicant)

Colorado Department of Transportation (see above Section 7.a)

Union Pacific Corporation c/o Bob Brenner (property tax department) 1400 Douglas St., Stop 1640 Omaha, NE 68179-1640

Pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 37-92-302(2)(b), within ten (10) days of filing this application, Applicant shall give notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to each of the foregoing landowners (other than Applicant).

8. *Remarks*:

a. The City hereby reserves the right, and gives notice to all interested parties, that it will further refine the time periods and flow rates claimed herein and provide such information to the Colorado Water Conservation Board ("CWCB") and objectors in this proceeding. While flow rates will not exceed the above-listed claims, nor extend beyond the time periods listed, it is the City's intent that any final decree in this matter will limit the total volume of water represented by the flow rates decreed for the claimed recreational in-channel diversions to no greater than 50% of the sum of the total average historical volume of water for the stream segments where the diversion structures will be located, pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-305(13)(f). Based upon preliminary engineering, this is expected to result in no more than 46 days each year with flow rates in excess of 1250 c.f.s. With regard to the 4000 c.f.s. claimed flow rate, it is the City's intent to confirm an event flow right at this rate for no more than five days each year to coincide with a holiday weekend or other planned special events.

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b. This Application is made pursuant to Colo. Const. Art XVI, § 5, Art XVI, § 6, and C.R.S. §§ 37-92-101, *et seq*. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-102(5), within 30 days of filing the Applicant will submit a copy of this Application to the CWCB for review.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31st day of December 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher L. Thorne, #20003

HOLLAND & HART LLP

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VERIFICATION

I, Leo McKinney, Mayor of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, state under oath that have read this application and verify its content. Leo McKinney
STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF GARFIELD)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3/5 day of December 2013, by Leo McKinney, as Mayor of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
WITNESS my hand and official seal. My commission expires: 2/21/16

Notary Public

In accordance with C.R.C.P. 121 § 1-26, this document has been electronically filed via ICCES. A printed copy of this document with original signatures is maintained by the filing party and will be made available for inspection by other parties or by the Court upon request.

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