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Jackie Calicchio Colorado Attorney General's Office Hearing Officer

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RE: Notice of Party Status of Public Service Company of Colorado, A Colorado Corporation for the Hearing to be held at the September 16-18, 2025 CWCB Board Meeting on the Proposed Acquisition of an Interest in the Shoshone Water Rights for Instream Flow Use

Dear Ms. Calicchio:

This firm represents Public Service Company of Colorado, a Colorado Corporation ("PSCo") regarding the Colorado Water Conservation Board's ("CWCB") proposed acquisition of an interest in the water rights of the Shoshone Hydroelectric Plant. Pursuant to Rule 6m(5)(e) of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, PSCo requests party status at the September, 2025 hearing regarding this matter.

PSCo owns the Shoshone water rights, and is party to a purchase and sale agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District ("River District"), which provides for the River District to purchase the Shoshone water rights, and for the water rights to be changed to include instream flow use and to be dedicated to the CWCB for instream flow use whenever the water rights are not being used for hydropower generation by PSCo. The River District and PSCo, together with staff and counsel for the CWCB's Stream and Lake Protection Section, have developed the proposed "Shoshone Water Rights Dedication and ISF Agreement" presented to the CWCB Board at its May 21-22 meeting.

PSCo requests party status at the September 2025 hearing because it holds a direct interest in the matter as the owner of the Shoshone water rights and as one of the proponents of the proposed dedication.

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