

**COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
STATE OF COLORADO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN THE
SHOSHONE POWER PLANT WATER RIGHTS**

**NOTICE OF PARTY STATUS OF STAFF OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION
BOARD**

Staff of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB Staff), through undersigned counsel, submits this Notice of Party Status in the above-captioned matter.

I. Identification of Entity Requesting Party Status:

CWCB Staff

II. Contact Person, including contact information:

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III. Interest in the Proposed Acquisition:

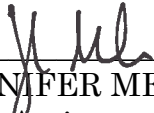
CWCB Staff has been working with the proponents of the project, the Colorado River Water Conservation District, as well as Public Service Company of Colorado, on the proposed acquisition of an interest in the Shoshone Water Rights. CWCB Staff will be recommending the CWCB Board accept the interest in the Shoshone Water Rights.

IV. Description of Evidence or Information to be Presented:

CWCB Staff will provide information or evidence as needed to support the recommendation that the proposed acquisition be accepted, including background of the project, description of the CWCB's process for acquisitions of water rights and interests in water rights, details of the proposed acquisition, the factors that must be considered for acquisitions of water rights and interests in water rights, details of the proposed instream flow use, and will work with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to present information on the biological opinion as to the flows necessary to preserve and improve the natural environment to a reasonable degree in the subject reach of stream. CWCB Staff and counsel will be available to respond to questions and issues as requested by CWCB, or to respond to issues raised by other parties in this proceeding.

Dated this 8th day of July 2025.

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