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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Cabin Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2351)
Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan 2023 Annual Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On May 27, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order Issuing New License to Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) for the continued operation of the Cabin Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2351 (Project). Per U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Condition No. 30 included in the new license, PSCo is implementing the Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan (WQAMP) as filed with the Commission on March 15, 2013. The WQAMP includes a requirement to prepare an annual report of all data collected during the previous calendar year.

By this letter, PSCo is providing the 2023 annual report to FERC, USFS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and Colorado Water Quality Control Division (WQCD). The report presents a summary of actions completed, the resource data collected, and an analysis of the data. As this annual report is the last report under the WQAMP, the report discusses the next steps contemplated by the WQAMP. As stated in the WQAMP, any party may, within 60 days of the issuance of this annual report, request that a meeting be convened to review and discuss the report.

Please contact Christine Johnston at christine.johnston@xcelenergy.com or (303) 285-6828 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure