



Colorado Springs Utilities
Water, Gas, and Sewer

Amendment to Green Mountain Reservoir Administrative Protocol Agreement

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Summary

- Colorado Springs Utilities entered into Green Mountain Administrative Protocol Agreement in 2013
- Agreement required modifications based on Federal Court decision
- Changes are administrative and do not impact Colorado Springs Utilities



Green Mountain Reservoir

History

- Blue River System is located above Breckenridge
 - Average yield of about 8,500 AF per year
- Green Mountain Reservoir is a key water right on the West Slope
- In 2003, the Division 5 Engineer imposed changes on the administration of the reservoir's water right
 - Changes were estimated to reduce Blue River System yield by up to 300 AF during dry years
- Interested parties from East Slope and West Slope negotiated a comprehensive resolution of issues related to changed administration

History, Continued

- Green Mountain Reservoir Protocol
 - Settlement of complex issues - numerous compromises
 - Preserves yield of Blue River System
 - Instructions for administration of Green Mountain Reservoir
 - Brings certainty and clarity to administration
- Protocol Agreement
 - Legal vehicle by which the parties agreed to the Protocol
 - Agreement obligates Colorado Springs to participate in water right actions in State Water Court and in Federal District Court to formally adjudicate and confirm the Protocol

Current Status

- Federal Court discontinued jurisdiction over the Blue River Decree after State and Federal actions were filed
- Parties determined that Protocol should be adjudicated in State Water Court only
 - Parties have negotiated necessary amendments to Protocol Agreement and State Water Court application
- City Council approval of Amended and Restated Protocol Agreement required



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