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Fremont Board of County Commissioners
615 Macon Avenue, Room 105
Cañon City, CO 81212

RE: Southern Delivery System

Honorable Board of Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Cañon City, I care very much about the future of the Fremont County community. That is why I, and fellow members of City Council, respectfully request that as you are reviewing the land use review permit for the Southern Delivery System, you ensure that any county-wide are addressed by the City of Colorado Springs.

The City does not believe that protecting the rights of the community and its citizens while allowing another community to utilize its water rights to the fullest extent are mutually exclusive. We ask that, as you review this permit, you ensure that at least the following protections are in place for Fremont County:

- Minimize impacts to traffic and roads in all areas of the county;
- Maintain quality of life for all those potentially affected by construction;
- Fully restore all disturbed areas;
- Continue participation in programs that protect flows on the Arkansas River; and
- Cause no negative impacts on projects such as the Cañon City Whitewater Park, Florence River Park and other projects that may be planned or constructed that utilize the river corridor.

If the City can be assured that all of these protections will be put into place, then the City Council does see the potential for benefit from this project to the Fremont County community. Obviously, local businesses and contractors will be allowed to bid on millions of dollars of construction work which would be beneficial to those companies directly and trickle down to others that provide the goods and services they rely on. There are also indirect benefits for other vendors such as restaurants, hotels, gas stations and supply companies.

In closing, City Council and I ask that you closely review this permit to ensure the county is requiring measures to protect our community. The County must hold Colorado Springs accountable. With those measures in place, the City believes SDS could be positive for our community and would encourage you to approve the permit.

Sincerely,



Frank Jaquez
Mayor