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CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR WATE RIGHTS OF	R	
PUCKETT LAND COMPANY		\triangle COURT USE ONLY \triangle
ON THOMPSON CREEK, TRIBUTARY TO THE CRYSTAL RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO THE ROARI FORK RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO THE COLORAD RIVER IN PITKIN COUNTY COLORADO		
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STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION OF CRYSTAL RIVER RANCH CO., LLC		

1. Name and address of Objector:

Crystal River Ranch Co., LLC c/o Sue Anschutz-Rodgers, Manager 555 Seventeenth Street, Suite 2400 Denver, CO. 80202

Copies of all pleadings to: Glenn E. Porzak Porzak Law, LLC 1111 Spruce Street, Suite 303 Boulder, Colorado 80302

2. <u>Name of Structures</u>: Thompson Creek Reservoir.

3. <u>Statement of facts as to why the Application should not be granted or should only be granted in part or on certain conditions</u>:

a. Crystal River Ranch Co., LLC ("Objector") is the owner of land and numerous water rights in the Crystal River, Roaring Fork, and Colorado River watersheds that may be adversely impacted if the subject application is granted.

b. Applicant must be placed on strict proof as to its claims.

c. Applicant has not shown that it can and will develop the Thompson Creek Reservoir with reasonable diligence.

d. The conditional decree for the Thompson Creek Reservoir is over 50 years old. During that period Applicant has failed to obtain the necessary federal, state and local permits required to develop this reservoir. Therefore, this subject conditional water right must be cancelled and abandoned.

e. The information contained in the application is not sufficient to allow the Objector to identify all grounds of opposition that it may wish to assert in this matter. Therefore, Objector reserves the right to state additional grounds of opposition in the future.

e. This Statement of Opposition shall continue with respect to any amended or republished application, without the necessity of any future filing by Objector.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of January, 2024.

PORZAK LAW, LLC Filed electronically and the original signature is on file at Porzak Law, LLC

/s/ Glenn E. Porzak Glenn E. Porzak (#2793) Attorney for Crystal River Ranch Co., LLC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO) STATE OF COLORADO) SS.) SS.)

I, Craig Ullmann, P.E., state under oath that I have read the forgoing Statement of Opposition, know the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CRAIG ULLMANN, P.E.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>23</u>^{'d} day of January, 2024 by Craig Ullmann, P.E., for Applicant

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: May 04, 2027

CHLOE RENEE OWENS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20234016877 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 04, 2027

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of January, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION OF CRYSTAL RIVER RANCH CO., LLC** in the above-captioned matter was served and filed via Colorado Courts e-filing system to:

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> /s/ Robin Hellerich Robin Hellerich