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Board of Pueblo County Commissioners  
Anthony Nunez, Chairman  
John B. Cordova, Sr., Vice Chair  
Jeff Chostner, Commissioner

Gentlemen:

The Board of County Commissioners is the last bastion of protection for the citizens of Pueblo County and their neighbors in the Lower Arkansas River Valley against construction of Colorado Springs Utilities' Southern Delivery System. You must not approve the 1041 land use permit application for the project.

There is no need for me to enumerate the myriad problems with the SDS. With the great power you possess and are authorized to wield in the permitting process, you surely realize your responsibility to your constituents to know all there is to know about the project, its overwhelming adverse effects, the contrived and faulty environmental impact statement which supports it, and the inadequacy of any promised mitigations. Instead, I only plead with you to deny Colorado Springs Utilities' permit application.

Please do not succumb to any endeavors which will remove the people of Pueblo County, and their health, safety, and well-being, from the foremost position among your priorities. Just saying "No!" is the only justifiably correct action for you to take.

Sincerely,

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