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Subject: Use and Release of Compact Water Stored in Harlan County Lake (HCL) under
United States Contract

Dear Mr. Dunnigan:

This is in response to your letter dated October 9, 2013, regarding the Order and Release Notice for Harlan County Lake (HCL). After receiving your letter, I reached out to Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KBID) to verify they would be requesting a release of the water stored in HCL under their existing Excess Capacity Contract (Contract) with Reclamation. At this time, KBID is preparing to meet tomorrow morning (October 11, 2013) to discuss their options under the Contract. They have informed me that they will let me know their decision shortly after their meeting tomorrow.

As you are aware, the existing Contract with KBID has an expiration date of December 31, 2013. If KBID determines they do not want this non-project water, we will work with you and the Corps of Engineers to schedule the release. If not releasing this water by October 31, 2013, will some way frustrate Nebraska's ability to assure compliance in 2013 please let me know. In the meantime, Reclamation is still willing to work with both Nebraska and Kansas to carryover this water into 2014 if the states can reach agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Thompson at 308-345-1027.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Ryan
Regional Director

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