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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District is seriously considering purchasing any water available in our Excess Capacity Contract # 13WR630075 by December 1, 2013. When and if we purchase it, we would give a directive for its release to assure the State of Nebraska's concerns are met if an agreement to leave the water for 2014 cannot exist.

Excess capacity water that may become available up until the termination of the contract on December 31st will also be considered.

As Kansas Bostwick plans to purchase and deliver water to Lovewell under the existing Warren Act contract as well as any natural flows that may be available at Guide Rock. I would request the Bureau to share its operating plan on how you envision filling Lovewell prior to the 2014 operations season. Historically your operating plans assume a full Lovewell which Reclamation owns and operates. The other consideration involves the water supply for the acres located above Lovewell and what that supply may be in 2014. I have advised you for years that there are radial gates that are falling apart and now simply have to be repaired on the Courtland Canal the supply system for Lovewell. We have a contractor lined up to remove and rebuild them sometime after the first of the year. The canal will have to be dry to accomplish this and dry to reinstall them. The contractor is sending me a cost estimate which we will simply have to accept unless it is totally unreasonable. The concept that this canal is always available to run water is not realistic due to the need to perform required maintenance during the non-irrigation season. Winter operations were not part of the original plans and the system is subject to ice damage when used in the winter months.

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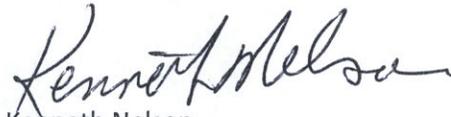
Aaron Thompson, Area Manager

Considering there is confusion and uncertainty regarding water coming to Kansas in 2014, temporary storage by Reclamation in Harlan County for the benefit of the Lovewell supply as well as the Upper and Lower Courtland acres is surely appropriate.

Please provide us a billing for the additional unpaid water under our contract that will be available on December 1, 2013.

For the Board of Directors

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Nelson".

Kenneth Nelson  
Superintendent

CC: David Barfield  
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