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Dear Mr. Dunnigan:

Thank you for copying me with your correspondence to Mr. Barfield regarding Harlan County Lake Releases.

We would very much wish to be capable of using water from Harlan County you are sending and preparing to send to Kansas under your plan for Compact compliance. We believe you are concerned that we will use this water and conserve our project storage collected in 2012.

We would be willing to use the 2012 supply first in our irrigation season. If the season turns out hot and dry, we will likely use all of it and need more. It would be very beneficial if there was 2013 water available at that time.

If we don't use up the 2012 supply, as the irrigation season comes to an end, it would be helpful to have 2013 water released at that time so it can be placed in Lovewell Reservoir to our benefit.

If conditions change after irrigation season, and Nebraska no longer needs 2103 water released, it would be very beneficial if 2013 water could be stored for 2014 instead of being released. We continue to have concerns for 2014 with our below Lovewell irrigators having a supply and the above Lovewell irrigators being at risk.

We would ask you to please consider the following and to adjust the 2013 supply to accommodate this:

- Shut off the current releases from Harlan County Lake.
- If Kansas Bostwick exhausts its 2012 storage during the irrigation season allow 2013 water stored in Harlan County to be used by Kansas Bostwick.

- Even if Kansas Bostwick does not exhaust its 2012 storage during irrigation season, allow 2013 water to be released after the irrigation season so it can be diverted at Guide Rock to Lovewell for the benefit of Kansas Bostwick.
- If condition change after irrigation season, and Nebraska no longer needs 2013 water released, consideration as soon as feasible allowing the 2013 water to be stored for 2014.

We appreciate Nebraska's efforts to be in compliance with the Republican River Compact. We often become confused over your needs for compliance and our needs to beneficially use the water. We believe the above request will allow you to deliver water under your plan and be assured we will utilize our 2012 supply in Harlan to the fullest extent needed in 2013.

For the Board of Directors,



Kenneth Nelson  
Superintendent

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