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Mr. Kenneth Nelson
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Subject: Release of Compact Water Stored in Harlan County Lake (HCL)

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter is in reference to your October 11, 2013, email to Aaron Thompson regarding non-project water currently stored in HCL under Contract 13WR630075 (Contract) between Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KBID) and the United States. The Bureau of Reclamation understands KBID will be completing repairs in the Courtland Canal and will determine the need to release the remaining water under the Contract at a later date.

As you are fully aware, the expiration of the existing Contract is December 31, 2013, and the remaining water stored under the Contract will be evacuated prior to that date in order to not impair Nebraska's ability to comply with the Republican River Compact. If KBID chooses to release the non-project water under the Contract and plans to divert through Courtland Canal and store in Lovewell Reservoir for future irrigation use then the repairs in Courtland Canal need to be completed no later than December 1, 2013. This will allow adequate time so the non-project water remaining under Contract in HCL can be evacuated prior to the end of the year. If KBID chooses to release the water at an earlier date, please notify the Nebraska Kansas Area Office (NKAO) as soon as possible so releases can be scheduled.

To date, KBID has used 5,500 acre-feet of the 13,000 acre-feet, which KBID made an upfront payment pursuant to the Contract. The Contract water not paid upfront will be released first beginning on or before December 2, 2013. The remaining water paid for in advance (7,500 acre-feet) under the Contract will be released thereafter.

To keep you informed, NKAO will be providing you weekly accounting updates of the water remaining in HCL under your Contract. Please notify NKAO of your planned maintenance schedule by no later than October 18, 2013.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-247-7600.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Ryan
Regional Director

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