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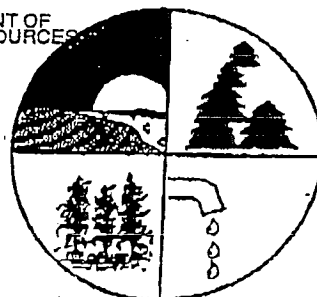
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Ann Bleed, Director
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Re: Republican River Compact Compliance

Dear Ann:

On behalf of the Republican River Basin Coalition ("Coalition"), I am providing this communication to clarify the Coalition's position with respect to the accounting of water recently leased by the Coalition. As you know, the Coalition entered into lease agreements with the Frenchman Valley Irrigation District, Riverside Irrigation Company, Inc., and Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District in an effort to ensure the delivery of water to the State of Kansas to assist the State of Nebraska in compliance with the Republican River Compact (the "Compact"). In entering into those lease agreements, we were informed that the full amount of water that had been leased would not necessarily be protected for delivery to the Kansas state line. We understood that the inability to protect the full amount of leased water resulted from legal limitations.

As you know, the lease agreements represent a substantial commitment of resources by the Coalition and the individual natural resources districts to assist the State of Nebraska in compliance with the Compact. It is the desire of the Coalition to deliver to Kansas, and only to Kansas, the maximum amount of water under the lease agreements allowed by law. Accordingly, we ask that you exercise your authorities to the maximum extent allowable by law to ensure the taxpayers of the Republican River Basin maximize the value of their investment in water. Your actions with respect to these agreements is important, not just for 2007, but all subsequent years in which our taxpayers may be asked to provide similar support.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Smith on behalf of the Republican
River Basin Coalition

cc: Governor Dave Heineman
Attorney General Jon Bruning

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