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Good Morning,

I was hoping to transmit to your office our draft report on Friday afternoon, but it just did not happen. I believe that we will be able to send an electronic version on Monday. I will share with you the statement that we have in our draft transmittal letter:

"The purpose of this study is to determine if there is Federal interest to proceed with a Feasibility Study. Several alternatives were evaluated in the Appraisal Study and four have benefits that exceed costs. For your consideration, the recommendation included in the Draft Appraisal Report is as follows: "Based upon the States' continued support for further study and the potential viability of some alternatives, there is justification for further Federal participation in a feasibility study." "

Last week I discussed with you our plans for a presentation meeting in Superior. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday Feb 5th at 1000 am. It is again requested that you invite the appropriate entities to this morning meeting. I have attached a prelim agenda. A possible list of invitees for your consideration follows:

Nebraska -

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Mid and Lower Republican NRDs  
Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District  
Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District

Kansas -

Kansas Water Office  
Kansas Wildlife and Parks  
Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District  
Lower Republican Water Users Association

In addition on Feb 5th at 100pm at the same location, we have planned a

technical meeting to discuss with representatives from your office the Plan of Study for a possible Feasibility Study. This prelim agenda is also attached. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the technical aspects of a feasibility study, primarily as related to the development of an operations model to insure that this model will address the objectives of the feasibility study. We are trying to develop a good quality cost estimate for a feasibility study and it is important that we receive input from each state.

I would like to schedule a conference call later next week to discuss the agendas for both of these meetings. Would either Wed Jan 28 or Thurs Jan 29 at 200pm work for you? Thanks for your assistance and call if questions. Mike

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