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Joseph Morris City Superintendent City of Grant, NE PO Box 614 Grant, NE 69140

Upper Republican Natural Resource District Attention: Board of Directors 135 West 5th Street Imperial, NE 69033

Department of Natural Resources 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Dear Board Members and Directors:

It has come to the attention of the City of Grant that the commencement of the integrated management plan development process has begun. The City of Grant was not notified of this commencement pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 46-715 (4)(b). Since the city was not notified of the commencement, yet wish to be included in the consultation and collaboration, this letter serves as written notice of our desire to participate in the development process.

Upon learning of the commencement of the development of the integrated management plan, the City of Grant formally protests the development of said plan due to the failure of the Upper Republican Natural Resource District and the Department of Natural Resources to involve all defined stakeholders, including the City of Grant, in the development of the integrated management plan. The Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act 46-701 ET. Seq., specifically state statute 46-715 (4)(b), clearly states our legal right to participation in the development of the integrated management plan.

The City of Grant formally requests the Upper Republican Natural Resource District and the Department of Natural Resources to cease further action on the integrated



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management plan so that we may exercise our rights to participate in the consultation and collaboration in the development process.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Joseph N. Morris, M.B.A., M.P.A.

City Superintendent

cc: Grant City Council

Mayor William Wilson

Phil Pierce, City Attorney