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May 13, 2008

Mr. Mike Fagerland
Knife River Corporation
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Dear Mr. Fagerland:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed the updated newspaper notice and letters to surface owners for the application for Bond Release No. 5 to Permit KRGC-8101. The newspaper notice is acceptable as written once the correct requested bond release amount of \$238,263.50 is inserted. Publication of the notice in the Bowman County Pioneer may begin for four (4) consecutive weeks. Please forward a copy of the publication and affidavit of publication to this office following the last date of publication.

The notification letters may also be sent at this time. Copies of those letters will need to be submitted for inclusion in the bond release application and may be done so with future technical deficiency responses. Please estimate the last date of publication, then add 30 days and put that date in the blank in the notification letters as the deadline for submitting any comments.

The Reclamation Division will now begin a more detailed technical review of the bond release application to ensure that all criteria necessary for the bond release have been met. The results of this technical review will be sent to you when it is completed.

As a reminder, the field inspection of the proposed bond release area will be postponed until mid to late June since part of the area includes tame pastureland. This will allow for better field evaluation of the diversity component in the tame pastureland. All parties required to be notified by the Reclamation Division will be sent letters informing them of the inspection at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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