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December 11, 2014

Mr. James R. Deutsch, Director
Public Service Commission, Reclamation Division
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Re: Bond Release Application No. 7 (BR-7) – KRGC 8101
Response to deficiencies identified by PSC in email dated October 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Pursuant to your agency's email dated October 27, 2014, Knife River offers the following responses, highlighted in yellow:

1. *Follow-up to item No.2:* Please correct the cost per acre value in the BR7 Disturbed Acres line at the bottom of the application to read 576.5 acres @ \$589.28/ac = \$339,719.92. The values listed on the application need to be consistent with the BR7 Bond Reduction Calculations in Attachment 9. The identified correction has been made. (Application Form -SFN 19813)
2. *Follow-up to item No. 6:* The requested changes were made, but the symbol for BR 7 areas (red cross hatch) in the legend was removed. Please reinsert the symbol for Bond Release 7 on the legend. The identified correction has been made. (Bonding Update Map – Attachment 9.1)
3. *Additional item:* Please provide us with an Affidavit of Publication and a copy of the printed advertisement for Bond Release 7 for KRGC-8101 printed in August/September 2013. The Affidavit of Publication and an original copy of the advertisement are enclosed.

I appreciate your assistance in getting this completed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (701) 530-1417 or by email at patrick.ringstad@kniferiver.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Ringstad".

Patrick Ringstad
Engineering Services Manager

Transmittal Documents:

Application Form, SFN 19813 (Dated 5/6/14, revised)
Bonding Update Map, Attachment 9.1
Affidavit of Publication, Bowman County Pioneer (Dated 9/5/13, notarized)
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