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Mr. David Brenn, Chairman,  
Mr. Collin Thompson, Member, and  
Mr. Robin Jennison, Ex-officio Member  
Operations Committee, Arkansas River Compact Administration

RE: CY 2006 letter report  
Assistance Operations Secretary

Gentlemen:

This report is provided to the Operations Committee (Committee) of the Arkansas River Compact Administration (ARCA) as a review of the operations and operational issues for Compact Year (CY) 2006 from the perspective of the Assistant Operations Secretary (AOS). Discussion occurred in 1994 between staff of the two states regarding growing concern by Kansas over operational and accounting issues in Colorado relating to the ARCA *Resolution Concerning An Operating Plan For John Martin Reservoir* as amended (1980 Agreement), including proposed spill accounting methods. These and other issues were identified and tracked on the multi-page table generally referred to as the issue matrix in an effort to resolve what could be resolved by the Operations committee and the staff level personnel in Pueblo and Garden City.

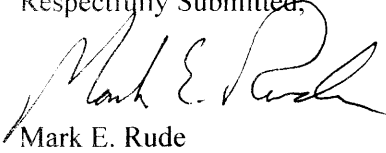
Last annual meeting, a special engineering committee (SEC) was formed to include compact commissioner representation and top water officials from both states. This committee was charged with the task of resolving the operational issues with the hope of building on some success realized in settlement negotiations in KS v. CO that occurred in CY05. Work by this committee ensued in CY06. I understand that progress has been made on a number of issues. For my part, I encourage ARCA to continue the progress and extend the charge of the SEC with high hopes for CY07. The Operations committee should encourage the productive efforts of the SEC to resolve the issues in dispute to pave the way for agreeable operating criteria adopted by ARCA from which the operations of ARCA can be performed by any expert administrator.

The Committee has successfully facilitated a process for better communication between offices at the staff level. It is important to renew that commitment to a regular review of operational issues at the staff level and retain the process in place. Issues that occurred in CY06 requiring notice and exchange of information were effectively communicated between staff offices and the purposes of the Operations committee process were effectively served.

Finally, after almost two years of service as the AOS to ARCA while employed as a non-state employee, I am stepping aside as an officer of the administration in favor of someone with the time and daily routine more suited to support the responsibilities of ARCA operations. I have enjoyed the job and

the people involved and look forward to maintaining those relationships. The work of the SEC and the subsequent adoption of agreeable operating criteria on a number of long standing issues will perhaps help make the concept of alternating the responsibilities of the OS and AOS between the two states a more practical and acceptable practice in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,



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