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Subject: Extension Request for Application No. A30414dh (92-642) – Central Utah Project

Dear Mr. Jones:

A request for an extension of time has been filed for the subject water right, which is in the names of the City of Green River and the State of Utah, Board of Water Resources.

Water Right No. 92-642 is a segregated portion of the Flaming Gorge water right, Application to Appropriate No. A30414. This appropriation originally included both the storage of water in Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the beneficial use associated with the “Ultimate Phase” of the Central Utah Project. After the “Ultimate Phase” was deauthorized, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) assigned this portion of the appropriation to the State of Utah, Board of Water Resources with the understanding that any portion of this water right not developed within 50 years of the original approval date (October 6, 2009) would lapse.

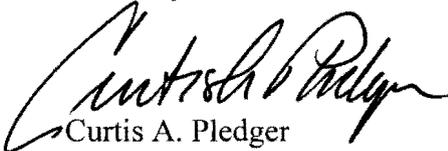
Reclamation is concerned that further extensions, for this and other undeveloped portions of the Flaming Gorge water right, could jeopardize future operations of the Central Utah Project. To date, over \$2 billion have been spent to develop the Central Utah Project, which supplies agricultural, municipal, and industrial water to millions of Utah residents in the Uintah Basin, Heber Valley, and Wasatch Front corridor. The primary water right for the Central Utah Project, Water Right No. 43-3822, has the priority date of November 11, 1964. If all the senior undeveloped water rights in the Colorado River Basins are developed, Utah will exceed its portion of the Colorado River Compact and the Central Utah Project water rights will be adversely impacted.

As you are aware, Reclamation, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Uintah Water Conservancy District, Duchesne County Water Conservancy District, and the State of Utah are working on ways of developing portions of the Flaming Gorge water right while at the same time protecting the water supplies of the Central Utah Project. Reclamation signed an agreement with the three water districts referenced above on May 26, 2010, and is currently working on an

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agreement with the State of Utah, Board of Water Resources. Although Water Right No. 92-642 is not currently part of any of these agreements, Reclamation asks that any decision on this extension request be delayed until after these discussions have concluded and the future management of the undeveloped portions of the Faming Gorge water rights have been determined.

Sincerely,



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