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Mr. Loren Hintz

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BOR - NKPO Grand Island, NE NAME INITIA REMARKS:

Village Board Chairman P.O. Box 82 Center, NE 68724

Subject: Participation in Feasibility Study of Water Supply System for Santee-Sioux-Nation and the - -Village of Center, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Hintz:

As presented to you in the April 1, 2004, meeting at Santee, Nebraska, the Bureau of Reclamation has been authorized under Public Law 108-204 Sect. 125 to conduct a feasibility study of amunicipal, rural, and industrial water supply system to serve the Santee Sioux Nation and the Villageof Center to meet water supply demands through 2050. Participation in the study by Center would require a 50 percent cost-sharing agreement with Reclamation for Center's prorated portion of thestudy.

Per your April 13, 2004, telephone conversation with Mark Phillips of our Regional office, you indicated that you have discussed the proposed study with other Village Board members and concluded that Center does not have an interest to participate in the feasibility study. As a confirmation of that decision for our records, please sign below indicating Center will not participate in the study, and return this letter to the address listed below at your earliest convenience. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and if you have any remaining questions, please contact Mark Phillips at 406-247-7743 or Michael Kube of my staff at 308-389-4622, extension 217.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Ronshaugen Acting Area Manager

The Village of Center declines to participate in the Municipal, Rural, and Industrial Water Supply System Feasibility Study authorized by P.L. 108-204.

Approve:

Loren Hintz, Village Board Chairman

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