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Subject: Reclamation Standard Water-Related Contract Articles, Article 30: Medium for Transmitting Payments (All Programs Requiring Payments to the United States)

Purpose: To commit Reclamation’s Standard Contract Article 30 to the Reclamation Manual, introduced by a brief description and direction regarding its use, for the benefit of making it easily accessible and promoting Reclamation-wide consistency in its use and content.

Authority: The Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory and supplementary thereto; section (i)(1) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, Title III, § 31001(i)(1); 31 U.S.C. § 7701(c)(1)); 48 CFR 3432.170 and 3452.232-72.

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1. **Medium for Transmitting Payments (All Programs Requiring Payments to the United States).** This article is included in all contracts requiring payment to the United States. It may be modified and included in the main body of the contract as long as it requires that payments owed to the United States under the contract will be made by methods selected by the United States. The article also requires the contractor to provide a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for the purpose of collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising out of the contractor’s relationship with the United States. This article may be omitted from secondary contracts, such as operation and maintenance transfer agreements, where the primary contract includes the article substantially as it appears below and is included in the secondary contract by reference.

2. **Reclamation Standard Contract Article 30.**

(All Programs Requiring Payments to the United States)

MEDIUM FOR TRANSMITTING PAYMENTS¹

(a) All payments from the Contractor to the United States under this contract shall be by the medium requested by the United States on or before the date payment is due. The required

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method of payment may include checks, wire transfers, or other types of payment specified by the United States.²

(b) Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer with the Contractor's taxpayer's identification number (TIN). The purpose for requiring the Contractor's TIN is for collecting and reporting any delinquent amounts arising out of the Contractor's relationship with the United States.³

²The Acting Commissioner's memorandum of February 7, 1985, requires that paragraph (a) appear in all new or renegotiated contracts. Language may be modified as long as it requires payments from the contractor to be made by Reclamation's selected method, which is to include check and wire transfer. The language does not need to be included as a separate article; it may be included, for example, as part of a repayment article.

³Section (i)(1) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub .L. 104-134) requires each person doing business with an agency to furnish the agency with a TIN. It requires the agency to disclose to the person its intention to use the TIN for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of the person's relationship with the government.