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Subject: FW: Navajo Nation Settlement Legislation

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John and John,

Susan sent this langguae a few days ago. I have not had a chacne to discuss it with the Jicarilla

representatives. John Leeper

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Here's the language we suggest in the facilities transfer section: Insert "excluding facilities constructed by the Jicarilla Apache Nation" in the first sentence of Section 103(f), so that the sentence reads: "The Secretary is authorized to complete the transfer of ownership of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project facilities, excluding facilities constructed by the Jicarilla Apache Nation, to the Navajo Nation within three years after completion of the construction of the Project and after execution of a Project operations agreement approved by the Secretary and the Project beneficiaries that shall set forth . . . "

Also, Mike Hamman and John Leeper have discussed Jicarilla's concern that the O&M charges to Jicarilla could be excessive when NIIP personnel take on winter operations for NGWSP purposes. We understand John has some ideas for addressing this by addressing how the costs will be prorated in a sentence or phrase to be inserted in Section 106(b). John, could you email us your ideas, or do you want have a call to brainstorm that language?

Susan

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Stanley,

We sent our NGWSP BA comments to Rege Leach last week. I'll have them scanned and emailed to you and John Leeper this afternoon. Let us know if you have any questions, or if there is anything more we can do to help expedite that process.

With regard to the NGWSP transfer provision in the settlement legislation, we believe the legislation should exclude the Jicarilla facilities from the transfer section; otherwise, those facilities could be transferred to the Navajo Nation, too. Perhaps the legislation could require the Project Operations agreement to provide that Jicarilla facilities not be transferred, but it seems like that might be beyond the scope of the P.O. agreement if I understand the purpose of that agreement. We can send you and John Leeper draft language for the legislation. I'm envisioning one sentence. I won't be able to provide a draft until early next week, as Mike Hamman is unavailable this week and I'll need his understanding of the project components to make sure I don't frame the exclusion too broadly.

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That's right, but it would be easier to simply address this in the Project operations agreement.

On another front, we are waiting for JAN to O.K. the NGWSP BO. Can we get that expedited?

Stanley

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> John and Stanley-
> Mike Hamman asked me to follow up with you (he's out of town this week) on
> one item in the draft settlement legislation. Section 103(f) provides for
> transfer of ownership of the Project facilities to the Navajo Nation
> within
> three years after completion of construction. We noticed and appreciate
> that the section requires that the Project beneficiaries (presumably
> including the Jicarilla Apache Nation) as well as the Secretary must first
> approve a Project operations agreement. We assume that the Navajo Nation
> and the State did not intend to include any Jicarilla facilities. We
> like to have a clarifying statement in the legislation on this point.
> Please let us know your thoughts.
> Susan
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