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MEMORANDUM

To: Ted Stewart
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From: Jerry Olds *JO*

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Subject: Update on Deer Creek/Jordanelle Operating Agreement

Since the last update, the drafting committee for the Deer Creek/Jordanelle Operating Agreement has met on three occasions. The committee has made substantial progress, and the major issues regarding the water rights appear to be resolved. There are three items that still need to be resolved; 1) Compensation to the Provo River Water Users Association (Association) by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District) for using Deer Creek Reservoir; 2) Electrical energy replacement and compensation; and 3) Environmental considerations regarding the joint operation of the two reservoirs.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Monday, November 22, in the auditorium. The Association and the District are to develop language addressing items 1 and 2, above. Jeff Appel and the environmental interests are meeting this week, and will present their concerns at the next meeting. I do not foresee any major problems with items 1 and 2, and if the environmental interests are reasonable, this should not be a major obstacle. I anticipate the need to meet one additional time following the November 22 meeting to finalize the draft agreement.

The Bureau of Reclamation is anxious to get the draft agreement out for public review and comment. They would like to hold the initial public meeting on or about December 16. Someone needs to be assigned to work with the Bureau in setting up, and making the necessary arrangements for this meeting. I assume this will be handled at the Department level.