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Re: Weber-Provo Diversion Dam - Automatic
Control Gates

Dear Mr. Morgan:

In response to your letter of March 22, 1993, you can rest assured that this Association will fully cooperate with the Weber River Water Commissioner in the proper regulation of the Weber-Provo Diversion Dam as it has for the last 40 years. We fully understand that the Weber River Water Commissioner has the authority and responsibility to regulate the diversions into the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal in accordance with existing water rights and under your supervision. This Association has not in the past, nor will it in the future, adjust the control gates without the prior approval or direction of the Water Commissioner.

As you are aware, the Weber-Provo Diversion Dam was constructed some 60 years ago and prior to its recent rehabilitation, was obsolete. The control gates were heavy and cumbersome, requiring laborious manual operation under potentially unsafe conditions. In the past, the Water Commissioner customarily would determine the proper setting of those gates, so advise the Association, and it would send its personnel to physically and manually adjust the gates accordingly. Needless to say, such operation was inefficient, time consuming and incapable of timely adjustment to cope with the fluctuating flows of the Weber River.

The primary purpose of installing the automatic control gates was to provide a more efficient means for the Weber River Commissioner to regulate the flows required to go downstream and the diversions in the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal. The new

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control gates will adjust automatically to maintain the flows going downstream as set by the Water Commissioner and will divert the surplus flows into the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal. The automation of the existing check structures in the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal will maintain the required water levels in the canal without overflowing the canal bank.

We acknowledge your responsibility to ensure that all water users, including the Association, are delivered water in accordance with their respective priority dates. However, we fail to see how automation of the control gates might infringe on that responsibility or reduce the level of control which the Water Commissioner has over this facility. Rather, we believe such automation will provide a higher level of control to the Water Commissioner to better ensure his equitable distribution of water.

We trust that the above fully responds to your request. If not, please advise.

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