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Steve Gale  
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RE: Distribution on the Beaver River below Patterson Dam

Commissioner Gale:

Thank you for your continuing work and dedicated effort in distributing water on the Beaver River. We know there are difficult issues you are dealing with. The purpose of this letter is to give you instructions regarding distribution on the lower river below Patterson Dam for the remainder of 2013.

In order to allow for the most efficient and equitable use of water under the various water rights, a turns system will need to be implemented for the remainder of the year. To accomplish this the following processes and procedures are to be immediately implemented:

- The direct flow users' will get a single turn which begins on the date of this letter. During the duration of their turn, the direct flow users shall have the right to divert all water above Furnace Dam.
- With the assistance of division staff, you will choose a cut-off date that represents the end of the direct flow users' turn and the beginning of Rocky Ford's turn. Rocky Ford's turn will last until October 31, 2013. The cut-off date will be chosen to equitably divide the water according to the rights of the direct flow users and Rocky Ford.
- In accounting for water under this system, any water diverted by the direct flow users in excess of their rights will be credited to Rocky Ford. Any water foregone by the direct flow users will be charged to Rocky Ford. Accounting is to be done on a daily basis through October 31, 2013 and begins on the date of this letter.

These processes and procedures apply only to 2013. Diversions shall commence in the spring of 2014 according to the priority schedule based on the 1931 Beaver River Decree unless an agreement is in place at that time. If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please contact Jared Manning or Kurt Vest.

Sincerely,

Kent Jones, P.E.  
State Engineer

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