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Mr. Lee Strong
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Dear Lee:

When you stopped by our office on December 11th, we talked about your river commissioner salary. You indicated you expected to be paid through the end of March because your appointment as the river commissioner ends on March 31st.

Since we talked, I have given the matter more thought and now believe that we cannot pay you after the last paycheck in December. Although the river commissioner appointment runs April 1 through March 31, the budget set up by the water users runs from January 1 to December 31. We make sure that the river commissioner salary set in the budget is completely paid out by December 31.

If you were to continue as the commissioner, we would continue paying you after the end of the year by drawing on what we assume the next year's budget will be. Since you are not going to continue as the commissioner for 1991, we cannot use the 1991 budget to pay your salary through the end of March.

A new commissioner will be selected at the water users meeting, which will be held on January 3. Although he will not be officially appointed as the commissioner until April 1, he will begin some training and we will begin paying him a salary from the 1991 budget.

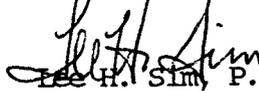
I am sorry that we are not able to meet your expectations in this matter. However, by completing and submitting the annual reports for the years 1983 to present, you will be able to collect the amounts budgeted in each of those years for those reports. This would total \$1000.00.

The distribution system committee wanted to move the annual meeting to January 3 so that a choice could be made earlier on a new commissioner. The meeting will be held in the Beaver Opera House and Civic Center at 1:00 p.m.

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I hope you will be able to arrange your schedule to meet with us.

Sincerely,



Lee H. Sim, P. E.

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cc: Gilbert Yardley, Chairman and Gerald Stoker, Area Engineer