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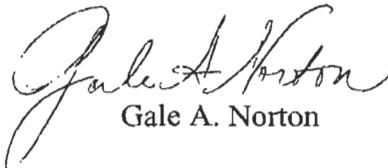
Honorable Dave Freudenthal
Governor of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Governor Freudenthal:

The most recent review of the Coordinated Long-Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs has been completed. I have made a number of limited modifications to the text of the Operating Criteria developed pursuant to Section 602 of the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968. The bases for the changes were (1) specific change in federal law applicable to the Operating Criteria, (2) language in the text of the Operating Criteria that was outdated, and (3) specific modifications to Article IV(b) of the Operating Criteria that reflect actual operating experience. The review of the Operating Criteria was conducted through a public review process, including consultation with the seven Colorado River Basin States, tribal representatives, and interested parties and stakeholders.

A copy of the notice published in the Federal Register is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Gale A. Norton

Enclosure

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Wyoming State Engineer

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