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Honorable Darr Shannon  
Chairwoman  
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Dear Chairwoman Shannon:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, Ms. Sally Jewell, I am responding to your letter dated April 4, 2016, regarding the New Mexico (NM) Central Arizona Project (CAP) Entity's request for transfer of design responsibilities for the NM Unit. In accordance with the Arizona Water Settlements Act, Section 212(c)(3), "upon request by the NM CAP entity, the Secretary shall transfer to the NM CAP entity the responsibility to design, build, or operate and maintain the New Mexico Unit, or all or any combination of those responsibilities..." This letter serves as notice that the Secretary of Interior hereby transfers responsibility to design the NM Unit to the NM CAP Entity.

Throughout the design process is it important to remember that as stated in the November 23, 2015 NM Unit Agreement, Section 9.7.2, "The planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of a NM Unit shall be in accordance with, at a minimum, applicable Reclamation standards, as determined by Reclamation, including without limitation Bureau of Reclamation Design Standards, without regard to whether the responsibility for design, construction, operation and maintenance is carried out by the Secretary as NM Unit or transferred to the NM CAP Entity."

Reclamation looks forward to working with the NM CAP Entity to implement this provision of the NM Unit Agreement. If you have questions or require further clarification, please contact Mr. Jeff Riley, Chief, Engineering Division, Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office at 623-773-6457.

Sincerely,

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