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Subject: Convention of May 21, 1906 for the Equitable Distribution of Waters of the Rio Grande (1906 Treaty), 2021 Rio Grande Project (Project) Initial Allocation to Mexico

Dear Mr. Avila:

As of December 1, 2020, the Project usable storage was about 128,999 acre-feet. With this low storage, the Bureau of Reclamation has determined that the initial 2021 Project allocation is 0 acre-feet. The 2021 allocation will be updated monthly as the usable storage increases.

Reclamation is also working on finalizing the Operating Agreement accounting for 2020. To the extent that prior year carryover deliveries are made to the United States districts, Mexico will be allocated its proportional share in accordance with the 1906 Treaty and the allocation procedures.

The climate outlook for the Rio Grande headwaters forecasts below average precipitation and above average temperatures into early 2021. Although conditions can change, we expect lower than average March through July inflow into Elephant Butte Reservoir. The 2021 irrigation season is therefore likely to begin late and end early, and we will be working closely with the U.S. districts on their planned operations. Reclamation will update the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) at least monthly or more frequently as needed.

We look forward to continued coordination with the IBWC for the upcoming 2021 irrigation season, and to ensure the United States' obligations under the 1906 Treaty are met. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 462-3545, storpey@usbr.gov, or Jerry Melendez at (915) 534-6300, gmelendez@usbr.gov. For the hearing impaired please call the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

Sincerely,

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