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Sam Brownback, Governor

June 1, 2016

Re:FileNo(s).

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an Order requiring that the owner of the point(s) of diversion authorized under the file numbers shown above install water flowmeters on the authorized point(s) of diversion by March 1, 2017.

This Order requires your immediate attention. Please read it very carefully, as it affects the use of the point(s) of diversion and sets forth deadlines you must meet in order to preserve your legal rights. This is the only notice you will receive prior to the deadline for installation of water flowmeters.

The Chief Engineer is requiring the installation of water flowmeters on all points of diversion within the Missouri River Basin. The purpose of requiring the installation of water flowmeters is to provide accurate water use data to enable the Chief Engineer to manage the water resources of the State within the Missouri River Basin and to meet Kansas Water Plan recommendation to have water flowmeters installed on all points of diversion.

The deadline for installing water flowmeters will be enforced. Enforcement may include civil penalties and/or modification or suspension of the water right or use of water under this Water Right, Appropriation of Water or Term Permit. Any request for an extension of time to install the required water flowmeter(s) must be made in writing on a form provided for that purpose no later than November 1, 2016, and must state compelling reasons why additional time is needed. You may obtain an extension request form by contacting the Topeka Field Office.

Please visit the website for the Kansas Department of Agriculture at http://agriculture.ks.gov/dwr and follow the link to the meter order information for a copy of the Chief Engineer's specifications for the water flowmeters, a partial list of meters that have been found to be acceptable if installed and maintained correctly, and a Report of Flowmeter Installation- Missouri River Basin form. A separate Notice of Completion must be filled out for each flowmeter that is installed. The Notice of Completion must be submitted within 30 days after completion of installation of the required water flowmeter to the Topeka Field Office at the following address:

Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources 6531 SE Forbes Ave., Suite B Topeka, KS 66619

If a water flowmeter currently is installed, the Notice of Completion form must be submitted by October 1, 2016. Additionally, meter readings must be included on the annual water use reports submitted to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year. If you do not have internet access, you may contact the Topeka Field Office to obtain a copy of this information. Please see the insert regarding a public informational meeting on these metering requirements.

Any appeal of the enclosed Order must be made within 30 days to a Kansas court of competent jurisdiction, such as the District Court of Shawnee County, pursuant to the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.* Any party seeking judicial review must also serve notice upon: Chief Legal Counsel, KS Dept of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr. Manhattan, KS 66502.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Topeka Field Office at 785-296-5733. When you contact us, please refer to the above referenced file number(s) and indicate you have questions regarding this meter order.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Tietsort Water Commissioner

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Enclosures