RESOLUTION BY THE REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION REGARDING VERIFICATION OF COLORADO'S RETIREMENT OF IRRIGATED ACREAGE IN THE SOUTH FORK REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 RESOLUTION

RECITALS

Whereas, on August 24, 2016, the Republican River Compact Administration ("RRCA") adopted a resolution approving operation and accounting for the Colorado Compact Compliance Pipeline and Colorado's compliance efforts in the South Fork Republican River Basin ("2016 Resolution"); and

Whereas, paragraph C.1 of the 2016 Resolution reads in part: "Colorado agrees to retire up to an additional 25,000 acres from irrigation in the South Fork Republican River basin. Of that amount, Colorado will retire at least 10,000 acres by 2022 and will retire the remaining 15,000 acres by December 31, 2027"; and

Whereas, the RRCA amended paragraph C.1 of the 2016 Resolution on November 6, 2018, to now read "Of that amount, Colorado will retire at least 10,000 acres by 2024 and will retire the remaining 15,000 acres by December 31, 2029," and

Whereas, paragraph C.2 of the 2016 Resolution was not amended in 2018 and currently reads, "In the event Colorado cannot or will not retire 25,000 acres by December 31, 2027, it may submit to the other States for their approval a plan to reduce consumption within Colorado by other means," and the RRCA wishes to align the language of paragraph C.2 with the 2018 amendments to paragraph C.1; and

Whereas, Colorado has provided executed contracts and other information pertaining to the retirement of over 10,000 irrigated acres before the 2024 deadline pursuant to the 2016 Resolution as amended; and

Whereas, Kansas and Nebraska have reviewed the provided and available supplemental information and determined that Colorado has taken the necessary actions to retire at least 10,000 acres in the South Fork Republican River basin prior to the conclusion of 2024;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the RRCA acknowledges that Colorado has met the 2024 acreage retirement goal in the 2016 Resolution, as amended, for retirement of at least 10,000 irrigated acres in the South Fork Republican River Basin and the acres referenced herein shall remain retired from irrigation henceforth in compliance with the 2016 Resolution.

Be it further resolved, the RRCA amends paragraph C.2 of the 2016 Resolution to now read as follows "In the event Colorado cannot or will not retire 25,000 acres by December 31, 2029, it may submit to the other States for their approval a plan to reduce consumption within Colorado by other means."

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