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Honorable Kenny Guinn  
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Dear Governor Guinn:

Enclosed is the Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2004.

The Annual Operating Plan was prepared in consultation with representatives of the governors of the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, the Upper Colorado River Commission, appropriate Federal agencies, and others interested in Colorado River operations, through meetings of the Colorado River Management Work Group (Work Group). The Work Group held meetings on June 3, 2003, August 6, 2003, and September 11, 2003, and completed a final consultation via conference call on December 4, 2003.

The Annual Operating Plan contains the projected plan of operation of Colorado River reservoirs for 2004 based on most probable runoff conditions. The plan of operation reflects use of the reservoirs for all purposes consistent with the "Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of the Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968." As the year progresses, the plan will be modified if necessary due to any changes in runoff conditions. The Bureau of Reclamation will use the Work Group to keep representatives of the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other appropriate entities informed of any changes in the 2004 operating plan.

Sincerely,

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