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Governance Committee  
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program  
c/o Jerry Kenny, Executive Director  
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Dear Governance Committee:

I am writing to express the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's support for the EA Bypass Agreement that is dated July 18, 2008, and was approved by the Governance Committee at the August 2008 meeting in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. There are some specific provisions within the EA Bypass Agreement that were not explicitly provided for in the Attachment 5, Section 1 of the Program including additional guidance about how the EA manager will coordinate with the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District, the Nebraska Public Power District, and the Governance Committee and Executive Director's Office of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

We believe this agreement is consistent with, and acts as a supplement to, the provisions of Attachment 5, Section 1 of the Program with regard to the EA manager, pursuant to Paragraph 2.j. in Attachment 5, Section 1 of the Program. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to act in accord with the terms of the EA bypass agreement.

Sincerely,

Julie Lyke  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Governance Committee Representative