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The Honorable Brenda Burman Commissioner U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington DC 20240

Dear Commissioner Burman:

I am writing in regard to the Navajo Nation's application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program for the Bodaway-Gap Supply Well Project.

The Bodaway-Gap water system provides water to the Bodaway-Gap, Tuba City, and Coppermine chapters of the Navajo Nation. An additional water supply well to the Bodaway-Gap water system is needed due to population increases in these chapters. The Bodaway-Gap Supply Well Project would complete well specifications, final design, and development of a new supply well for the Bodaway-Gap water system.

The Bodaway-Gap project is directly related to future development and water management for the Navajo Nation. It will increase water reliability and quality in an area of the Navajo Nation where there is an urgent need for water infrastructure improvement and access to a regulated drinking water supply. The Bodaway-Gap project will also improve drought resiliency and the efficiency of the water system in a region of the Navjao Nation that is prone to long-term drought.

It is my honor to be a voice for Arizona communities, and I respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to the Bodaway-Gap Supply Well Project to improve drought resiliency on the Navajo Nation. Please let me know if you have any questions about this letter, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyrsten Sinema