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Benton City, Washington
January 15, 1953

Mr. Harold Nelson, Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter is written on behalf of the Roza Project water contract holders, having in mind the subject of a new contract patterned after other projects; namely, 67 years to pay off the construction. Our present contract is for forty years.

It is our understanding that the Bureau is willing to recommend a new contract with the provision that a majority of the owners will agree to the building of the Roza Power House and that the power house is to be the property of the Bureau after it has been amortized.

We are willing to negotiate such a condition with owners if the above facts are correct.

In order that we may express the true conditions and viewpoint of the Bureau, we would appreciate an outline of it's requirements.

We would submit for signature of the owners the proposal so that if a majority agreed, then a contract with the government legal form could be prepared for final signature.

We would appreciate having a 67 year contract similar to the time stated in the Grand Coulee Project contract and the Kennewick Highlands contract, thereby placing all projects on more or less the same amortization period since we will be in competition with the farm products produced on the other projects.

The cost of our project exceeded the original estimated cost, due to its having been partially built during a war period.

We believe the same measuring stick should be used for all irrigation projects. We feel we are being penalized in two ways, namely, original cost and length of amortization time.

Thank you for the courtesy of any assistance you can give this matter.

Yours very truly

ROZA WATER USER'S ASSOCIATION


E.E. Gerrick, President

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