April 17, 2013

Brian Dunnigan
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Dear Mr. Dunnigan:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-2,112, the Department of Natural Resources is required to review appropriations for instream flows every fifteen years after being granted to determine if the beneficial uses are still being served and that they still are in the public interest.

In keeping with its stewardship responsibilities for managing public trust natural resources which belong to all Nebraska citizens, enclosed please find the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission’s Enclosures 1-4 documenting the beneficial uses and public interest criteria.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Tim McCoy, Deputy Director, at 402-471-5539. We appreciate the extensive, but expensive legal public notices the Department of Natural Resources has provided (Enclosure 5) and look forward to receiving a copy of all comments from Nebraska citizens regarding
their views on the importance of the above instream flows obtained on the central and lower Platte River on their behalf by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Sincerely,

James N. Douglas
Director

c: Commissioners w/Enclosures 1-5
   Deputy Director McCoy w/Enclosures 1-5
   Division Administrators w/Enclosures 1-5
   Mike Thompson, NDNR w/Enclosures 1-5