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Mr. Troy Larson
Executive Director
Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, Inc.
46986 Monty Street
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Subject: Federal Appropriation Ceiling and Excess non-Federal Cost Share - Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Larson:

Your January 29, 2014, letter requests confirmation that if Lewis & Clark receives additional non-Federal grant funding, the remaining Federal appropriation ceiling will not be reduced a like amount. The Lewis & Clark Rural Water System Act of 2000 (Act) or pertinent regulations do not state or infer that there is a maximum limit on the amount of non-Federal cost share that can be contributed to the project; or that additional non-Federal cost share reduces the Federal appropriation ceiling. Therefore, if Lewis & Clark receives additional grant funds from non-Federal sources, those funds would be considered non-Federal contributions exceeding the required minimum non-federal cost share, and the authorized Federal appropriation ceiling would remain unchanged.

As stated in our October 30, 2008, and September 12, 2013, letters, Lewis & Clark could use future appropriations to reimburse the project for the cost of work done by grant funds received in excess of their authorized cost share. To be eligible for reimbursement, construction and administration for work in excess for the authorized cost share needs to comply with all of the Federal requirements and regulations associated with the Act and our cooperative agreement.

Please contact Ted Hall at 605-945-2980 extension 3003, if there are further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Long
Area Manager