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Subject: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) SF 299, Compatibility Evaluation of ACCESS Oklahoma Program Turnpike Alignment Across Federal Land and Easements of the Bureau of Reclamation's Norman Project, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Dill:

The Bureau of Reclamation received the subject SF 299 application to use Federal land and easements for the East-West Connector and South Extension turnpikes (Proposed Project) via email from Kirsten McCullough, Environmental Project Manager for Garver, on August 15, 2022. Based on the information presented in OTA's SF 299 application and our understanding of the Norman Project features and authorized purposes, Reclamation completed a use authorization compatibility evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in 43 CFR 429.14 and Reclamation Directive and Standard LND 08-01.

Reclamation is denying OTA's request for a perpetual use authorization for turnpike construction across Norman Project fee title land because the Proposed Project is not compatible with the Congressionally authorized purposes for which the land was acquired and is still needed. However, Reclamation does not object to OTA routing the turnpike across Norman Project pipeline and flowage easements if the easement crossings are planned, designed, and constructed such that the turnpike does not interfere with Reclamation's easement interests or impact operation, maintenance, and replacement of Norman Project infrastructure. Such easement crossings would require close coordination with Reclamation throughout the planning, design, and construction process.

A copy of Reclamation's Use Authorization Compatibility Evaluation for the OTA East-West Connector and South Extension is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: See next page.

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