

RGRWA

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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Public

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Municipal

** = Executive Committee

September 29, 2009

The Honorable J. D. Salinas
Hidalgo County Judge
P. O. Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78540

Re: El Morillo Drain Invoice

Dear Judge Salinas:

The Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) is in receipt of the billing (attached) from the US IBWC for the Annual Operation and Maintenance expense for the El Morillo Drain. As you know, the El Morillo Drain is the diversion canal, completed in 1969, which is an extremely important joint International project between the United States and Mexico constructed and maintained for the improvement of the water quality in the Lower Rio Grande. Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties have previously agreed to jointly pay one half (1/2) of the United States share of these expenses which equates to twenty five percent (25%) of the total costs.

Hidalgo County's cost share (45%) of the \$30,703.08 is \$13,816.38. For your convenience I have enclosed an invoice, payable to the LRGVDC, RGRWA's Administrative Agent, for that amount. Should payment of this invoice require Commissioners' Court approval, please contact me to ensure we have an RGRWA representative present to answer any questions that may arise from the Commissioners' Court.

On behalf of the RGRWA, I thank you and the Commissioners' Court for the continued support of this project which is critical to maintain the water quality in the Rio Grande.

Sincerely,



Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.
LRGVDC Executive Director

CC: Mr. Ray Eufrazio, Hidalgo County Auditor
Mr. Jim Darling, RGRWA President
Ms. D. Ann Lyles, LRGVDC Finance Director

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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

July 22, 2009

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
UNITED STATES SECTION

CERTIFIED MAIL 7005 0390 0005 7236 8052
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James E. Darling, President
Rio Grande Regional Water Authority
311 North 15th Street
McAllen, Texas 78501-4705

Dear Mr. Darling,

I refer to Contract No. IBM-09-A004, dated March 4, 2009 between the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), and the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA), where the RGRWA is to pay one-half of the Morillo Drain Operation and Maintenance (O&M) cost allocated to the U.S. Section. The Morillo Drain conveyance channel was constructed in Mexico, and is operated by Mexico for the discharge of saline water of El Morillo and other drains in Mexico. The O&M costs are incurred for the operation of the conveyance channel.

The O&M costs for the period of January 1, to December 31, 2008 is \$1,342,338.57 pesos. The USIBWC is responsible for 50% of the total cost to Mexico as per Minute No. 223, dated November 30, 1965, or \$671,169.29 pesos. This amount equates to \$61,406.16 dollars using an exchange rate of 10.93 pesos/dollar. RGRWA is responsible for reimbursing the U.S. Section for 50% of the U.S. costs or \$30,703.08. The attachment summarizes the 2008 O&M expenses.

As stipulated in Contract No. IBM-09-A004, I am requesting a total payment in the amount of \$30,703.08 for the Morillo Drain O&M costs for January thru December 2008. Under federal acquisition regulations, make payment by check or money order to the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission. I would appreciate your processing of this payment, and if you have any questions please contact Luis Hernandez at 915-832-4133.

Sincerely,



Alfredo J. Riera, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachment:
As stated

2008 Morillo Project

“Operations and Maintenance”

The following represent the Morillo Project operation and maintenance costs for the period of January through December 2008.

The breakdown of the costs is as follows:

Salaries.....	\$ 182,808.33
Overtime.....	\$ 91,605.20
Fuel.....	\$ 10,950.00
Contractual Services.....	\$ 49,832.45
Supplies and Materials.....	\$ 37,974.20
Supervision and Administration.....	\$ 9,875.66
Electrical Energy.....	\$ 853,895.00
Maintenance Contract Cost	<u>\$ 105,397.73</u>
Total	\$1,342,338.57