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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

September 18, 2025

Mr. James E. Darling, President
Rio Grande Regional Water Authority
322 S. Missouri Ave.
Weslaco, Texas 78599

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 into the Gulf of Mexico. Regular operations, maintenance, and improvements costs of the conveyance system are incurred annually.

The U.S. Section's expenditures for the Morillo Drain during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024) were \$91,417.39. Fiscal Year 2024 Minute 303 project costs will be invoiced partially as only operational emergencies have been addressed. The USIBWC is responsible for 50% of the shared costs to Mexico as per Minute No. 223 and Minute No. 303, dated November 30, 1965, and May 15, 2000, respectively. RGRWA is responsible for reimbursing half of the U.S. Section's costs for the Morillo Drain for FY24 or **\$45,708.69**.

The U.S. Section's expenditures for the Morillo Drain during Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) were \$207,166.90. The USIBWC is responsible for 50% of the shared costs to Mexico as per Minute No. 223 and Minute No. 303, dated November 30, 1965, and May 15, 2000, respectively. RGRWA is responsible for reimbursing half of the U.S. Section's costs for the Morillo Drain for FY23 or **\$103,583.74**.

The U.S. Section's expenditures for the Morillo Drain during Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022) were \$142,688.58. The USIBWC is responsible for 50% of the shared costs to Mexico as per Minute No. 223 and Minute No. 303, dated November 30, 1965, and May 15, 2000, respectively. Half of the U.S. Section's costs for the Morillo Drain for FY22 total \$71,344.29.

In our previous letter from August 22, 2023, USIBWC invoiced RGRWA \$51,124.49 for part of the FY22 expenses which total \$71,344.29. The remaining balance of \$20,219.80 corresponds to the outstanding expenses for FY22 Minute 303 projects as detailed in Table 1 of Attachment 1. RGRWA is responsible for reimbursing the U.S. Section the remaining balance of **\$20,219.80**.

As stipulated in Contract No. IBM-09-A004, I am requesting a total payment in the amount of **\$169,511.94** for the Morillo Drain O&M costs from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations, please make payment by check or money order to the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission.

In addition, I wish to inform you that the previous payment request sent on August 22, 2023 in the amount of \$324,458.86 still has not been received as of the writing of this letter. That letter and its attachments have been added to this communication in the form of Attachments 2 and 3 respectively. If you have any questions, please contact Engineer Mario Gomez, Acting Chief of Operations and Maintenance Division at 956-754-0565 or mario.gomez@ibwc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Principal Engineer

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Attachment 1

Morillo Drain O&M and Major Maintenance and Repairs

Table 1. Summary of Costs Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023

Expenditure	FY22		FY23	
	US Share	RGRWA	US Share	RGRWA
O&M	\$ 67,334.18	*	\$ 58,009.61	\$29,004.81
Electricity	\$ 34,914.80	*	\$ 41,638.02	\$20,819.01
Min 303 Projects	\$ 40,439.60	\$20,219.80	\$ 107,519.27	\$53,759.64
Total	\$ 142,688.58	\$20,219.80	\$207,166.90	\$103,583.45

*Indicates items that were billed in the previous letter to RGRWA

Table 2. FY 2022 Minute 303 Projects

Contract	Description	US Share	RGRWA
CILA-REY-AD-3-2023	Pump Station Preventative maintenance on pump No. 4 at the Pump Station	\$ 14,882.14	\$ 7,441.07
CILA-REY-INV-14-2023	Pump Station Replace grates on the wet wells	\$25,557.46	\$12,778.73
	Pump Station Remove sediment from the 4 wet wells		
	Pump Station Construction of security fence on the west side of the pump station		
Total			\$ 20,219.80

Table 3. FY 2023 Minute 303 Projects

Contract	Description	US Share	RGRWA
CILA-REY-INV-14-2023	Pump Station Repair of concrete walkways around wet wells, radial gate area, and in the pumping discharge area	\$ 5,925.05	\$ 2,962.53
CILA-REY-INV-36-2023	Bypass canal Sediment removal in the reaches from km 27+600 to km 39+400	\$ 62,964.37	\$ 31,482.19
CILA-REY-AD-35-2023	Bypass canal Repair of damaged slabs from Km 3+800 to Km 13+800	\$ 15,457.28	\$ 7,728.64
CILA-REY-AD-12-2024	Emergency maintenance of the electrical substation, energy transformer, electrical control panels, and start-up of pumping equipment No. 3	\$ 7,956.77	\$ 3,978.39
CILA-REY-AD-17-2024	Emergency replacement of damaged transformer substation	\$ 15,215.80	\$ 7,607.90
Total			\$ 53,759.64

Table 4. Summary of Costs for Fiscal Year 2024

Expenditure	FY24	
	US Share	RGRWA
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 58,055.90	\$29,027.95
Electricity	\$ 25,155.58	\$12,577.79
Minute 303 Projects*	\$ 8,205.91*	\$4,102.95*
Total	\$91,417.39	\$45,708.69

*Indicates items where only emergencies were billed

Table 5. FY 2024 Minute 303 Projects – Emergencies Only

Contract	Description	US Share	RGRWA
CILA-REY-AD-26-2024	Pump #2 Electric Motor short circuit and maintenance	\$2,425.79	\$1,212.89
CILA-REY-AD-18-2025	Overflow erosion damage at the siphons located at km 19+400, 21+500, and 30+400 due to heavy rains on March 27 and 28 of 2025 in Reynosa, Tamaulipas. Overflow erosion repairs to levee at km 20+200 due to the same heavy rainfall event.	\$5,780.12	\$2,890.06
		Total	\$ 4,102.95