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Vince Weber, Board Member
Montgomery RWD 9
5357 200 Rd.
Fredonia, KS 66736

Dear Vince,

It was a pleasure to meet with you to discuss the challenges facing customers of the district who live east of Elk City. The system was originally designed with a connection to Elk City and pumping into the rural areas. When the system connected to Public Wholesale 23, water was pumped from Fredonia south. This change in hydraulics, plus additional customer demand in the area, has caused concerns with pressure. We discussed operational challenges faced by the district operator moving water to the south. The RWD is working with a consultant to plan infrastructure improvements and has applied for financing to pay for a major project.

During the visit, we discussed the RWD's abandoned connection with Elk City. The district's engineer has studied the connection and reportedly has plans to reactivate the connection. We visited Elk City to discuss the possibility and met with the city's water plant operator. Since that time, the city and RWD have begun discussions about water rates when the connection is restored. I encourage your water district to instruct your consultant to work with KDHE regarding the abandoned connection. The Engineering and Permits Unit in Topeka will have to give final approval before Elk City water can be pumped into the district.

Please do not hesitate to call if KRWA can provide assistance. Funding for this assistance was provided in part through a contract between KDHE and KRWA with funding as a benefit of the Capacity Development Program.

Sincerely,

Daryn Martin
Assistant General Manager

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