



## AGREEMENT FOR CARRIAGE OF WATER

### \_\_\_\_\_ IRRIGATION PROJECT

Wateruser Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wateruser Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Acres to be served: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Quantity Authorized/Allowed/Entitled: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description of Tract(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Water Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIA Delivery Lateral(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivery Structure(s) I.D. Number (Maximo): \_\_\_\_\_  
Agreement Number (Assigned by NIIMS): \_\_\_\_\_

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Wateruser"), and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Project"), acting by \_\_\_\_\_, (*title*), duly authorized.

### RECITALS

1. Wateruser is the owner of the irrigable land identified above and responsible for payment of all charges associated with this agreement.
2. The United States is the sole owner of the (*delivery lateral*) \_\_\_\_\_, a facility of the Project, which is the only delivery system that can serve the Wateruser's Property.
3. Operating Agent is the third-party entity (if applicable) with authority for water delivery, in addition to the Project. Operating Agent may be a State Agency, or public or private canal company.
4. Officer-in-Charge is the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Project Manager, BIA Agency Superintendent, or designated official for the Project.
5. The United States presently has sufficient carrying capacity in the (*delivery lateral*) \_\_\_\_\_ to carry the authorized quantity of water identified



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above for the Wateruser and is willing to carry such water from the heading of the  
*(delivery lateral)* \_\_\_\_\_ to the end of the Wateruser's delivery point.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and conditions, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

6. The Project agrees to carry such water, as the Wateruser may be entitled under the rules and regulations and laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, Federal Law, and the rules and regulations governing the Project.

7. Delivery and Conveyance Loss:

Wateruser shall be responsible for all arrangements necessary for delivery of the authorized water quantity, including any estimated conveyance losses to be determined by *(operating agent, if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_ and the Project. Conveyance loss is the amount of water lost during conveyance of water between the reservoir to the BIA's main diversion point, into *(delivery lateral)* \_\_\_\_\_, and to the Wateruser's delivery point.

8. Wateruser may install and maintain a BIA-approved water measuring device for monitoring the delivery of the authorized water quantity in conformance with the requirements of the Project.
9. Wateruser shall pay an annual delivery charge per irrigable acre for the carriage by the Project of the authorized quantity to Wateruser's delivery point (the "Carriage Charge") which equals \_\_\_\_\_. The Carriage Charge is not less than 100 percent (100%) of the annual per-irrigable-acre operation and maintenance ("O&M") charge fixed by the Secretary of the Interior for the Project from year to year. 25 C.F.R. § 171.605(d) requires third parties to "pay us all administrative, operating, maintenance, and rehabilitation costs associated with any [carriage] agreement established under this section before we will convey water."
  - a. BIA shall generate and send yearly (via mail or electronic mail per regulations) a single billing statement of the Carriage Charge to Wateruser thirty (30) days prior to the due date.
  - b. Wateruser shall pay the Carriage Charge pursuant to instructions in the billing statement.



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- c. The Carriage Charge will be billed for the full acres identified above and with a due date in advance of water delivery, and shall be paid regardless of the amount of water actually used by Wateruser or delivered to the delivery point.
  - d. Wateruser shall pay any applicable fees to the Operating Agent through which non-Project water is conveyed; All assessments must be paid to the Project and Operating Agent, if applicable, before the Project may take delivery of water from the Operating Agent and/or deliver water from the Project to the Wateruser.
10. This Agreement for Carriage of Water shall terminate upon:
- a. Written notice from Wateruser to BIA's Officer-in-Charge that Wateruser no longer desires the benefit of this Agreement.
  - b. Failure of Wateruser to make payment of the Carriage Charge, on or before the due date. Termination will be at the discretion of the Project and may be deferred if a payment plan is in place pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 171.550. Failure to make payments under any payment plan are subject to 25 C.F.R. § 171.560 and other applicable regulations.
  - c. Violation by Wateruser of Project rules and regulations or misuse of Project facilities, as determined by BIA's Officer-in Charge. The Project will discontinue irrigation service for a period of time that it determines if Wateruser does not cure the violation.
  - d. A determination by the Officer-in-Charge that this Agreement is not in the best interest of the Project.
11. Written notice of the termination of this Agreement under Paragraph 8.b, 8.c, or 8.d shall be given to Wateruser thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such termination.
12. The Project shall not be liable to Wateruser for the failure of the Project to deliver the authorized water quantity due to circumstances beyond the control of the Project, including but not limited to drought, earthquake, storms, court orders, terrorism, or interruptions in service from the Project as a result of the need for system repair.



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- 13. This Agreement shall not be effective until approved, in writing, by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States or duly authorized representative.
- 14. The covenants and promises herein contained are binding upon the signatories hereto and are not transferable to the parties' successors or assigns.
- 15. Appeals from decisions made by the Officer-in-Charge with respect to this Agreement will be made in accordance with 25 C.F.R. Part 2.

**SIGNED:**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wateruser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer-in-Charge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Purpose:** This form is for requesting an Agreement for Carriage of Water which if approved, BIA may contract with you to 1) convey third-party water through BIA irrigation facilities, or 2) convey water through third-party facilities to provide irrigation service to isolated assessable lands.

**Instructions:** Return this completed form to your local Irrigation Office. Any additional information required by the project office responsible for providing your irrigation service shall also be provided.

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