

**POWER COMMITTEE
of the
Missouri-Arkansas River Basins Associations**

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RE: MRRIC Membership

Dear General Martin:

The Missouri-Arkansas River Basins Association (MO-ARK) is an organization interested in the aspects of human water usage of the Missouri River. Our Power Committee is interested primarily in water used by electric power generating companies and by water companies for drinking, sanitary and commercial purposes. We recommend a member of our committee, Pat Cassidy, Director of Environmental Services at the Board of Public Utilities, Kansas City, KS, be a member of MRRIC.

We have found the Corps of Engineers to be attentive to our interests over the past three years. We appreciate the COE's responses to our correspondence and appearances at many of our meetings.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to the vital importance that the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee include in its membership representatives who recognize, and are expert in, the human being aspects of maintaining river management to meet the essential needs of people. We are all interested in the environmental issues involved with river flows, but that interest must not be overshadowed by environmental concern. We seek a balanced MRRIC to achieve that purpose.

We understand you can forward to the Secretary of the Interior recommendations about committee appointments. Accordingly, we ask the COE, through you, to recommend that the committee include a representative from each private, public and cooperative utility company in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri that draws water from the Missouri River for electric power production and water for human uses. Those uses include electricity and water consumption for homes, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, commercial and industrial purposes.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to receiving your written response to our request.

Sincerely,


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