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Dear Bob:

I'm writing this letter in support of Western implementing a two step increase for the Pick-Sloan rates. McLean Electric is dependent on Western's power and feel a two step rate increase will ease the impact on our members rate.

McLean is located on the north shore of Lake Sakakawea and have felt the impacts of low water. However, the water situation can improve quickly in our region as we have seen before. In addition to lessening rate impacts, the two step increase holds out hope for improved water conditions.

McLean encourages Western to implement the two-step structure! Thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important topic.

Sincerely,

Reginal R. Rudolph,  
General Manager

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