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December 20, 2006

Mr. David Corliss, City Manager
City of Lawrence
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Dear Mr. Corliss:

Yesterday, Baldwin City Director of Public Works Bill Winegar and I met with a few members of your Utilities Department staff to review proposed plans regarding the City of Lawrence's pending development on the southeast corner of the city. Specifically, the development of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the upgrade of potable water transmission and distribution facilities were of interest to us.

As you know, the City of Baldwin City is in need of replacing its main water line that currently lies in the Baker Wetlands. The City of Lawrence's plans for developing facilities along 1600 Road south of the Wakarusa River are well suited for helping the City of Baldwin City plan for this needed improvement. By this letter, I am hereby requesting that Baldwin City's long-term water needs be considered as part of this project as plans and specifications are developed and the size and location of water transmission mains in southeast Lawrence are considered. We would very much like to be a part of this planning process and work cooperatively with the City of Lawrence as you move through this project.

Specifically, we believe that a joint venture whereby the size of water main required to support the needs of both local development in the City of Lawrence and long-term water supply for the City of Baldwin City is appropriate. We understand that the City of Lawrence will have a relatively quick timetable in developing infrastructure in this area, and we are prepared to participate as fully as we can. We also understand that the renegotiating and/or extending our existing contracts for water treatment with the City of Lawrence will likely be necessary, and we are indeed open to evaluating that possibility.

The City of Baldwin City values its relationship with the City of Lawrence in providing treated water to our residents and customers, and we look forward to working with you and your staff in making this significant improvement come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dingman
City Administrator

cc: Bill Winegar, Director of Public Works