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Jerry Younger, P.E.
Assistant Secretary & State Transportation Engineer
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Dear Mr. Younger:

On August 25, 2009 the City Commission received proposals for repairs to the Bowersock Dam. The proposal from L. G. Barcus & Sons is in the amount of \$2,279,130. As you are aware, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has determined that the dam is in need of significant repairs or in jeopardy of failing. City staff has developed a plan to drive sheet piling to bedrock along the front of the dam footing, backfilling and capping the area with 2 ft. of concrete. We have received FERC and Corps of Engineers approval.

City staff has also been cooperating with KDOT engineers to develop a scope of work that will provide geotechnical information for the sheet piling needed for the project, as well as additional information KDOT staff has requested.

The City would like to officially request KDOT's financial participation in an amount of \$250,000 (approximately 10%). This project provides several functions for the community and is critical for the structural integrity of the Kansas River Bridges which carries US Highway 40/59 traffic. The bridges are an integral part of the state's transportation system.

The City is prepared to undertake this project for the benefit of all parties. We are willing to work with KDOT engineering staff to provide them with additional geotechnical information as they are requesting. Again, the City is only requesting a nominal amount from KDOT to ensure the dam stability and continued service of the Kansas River Bridges.

If you have any questions, please contact David L. Corliss, City Manager, or Charles F. Soules, Director of Public Works.

Sincerely,

Robert Chestnut
Mayor

cc: W. Clay Adams, District Engineer
David L. Corliss, City Manager

