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State of Texas. County of El Paso.

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duly elected, qualified, and acting Commissioners of the Loewenstein Community Ditch, of the County of El Paso, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by the United States of America, acting pursuant to the Act of Congress of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents bargain, sell, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said United States of America and its assigns, all the right, title, and interest of the said Loewenstein Community Ditch in and unto that certain ditch or canal known as the Loewenstein canal, lying in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, more particularly described in blueprint hereto attached and made a part hereof.

and claim of the said Loewenstein Community Ditch in and to the said premises, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, and appurtenances to the same in any manner belonging, unto the said United States of America and its assigns forever: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as a conveyance, interference with, or in any wise affecting the vested right of any holder of rights in the said Loewenstein Community Ditch in and to the use of water from the Rio Grands.

This deed shall become effective to transfer the above described property and rights upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the Director and Chief Engineer of the United States Reclamation Service.

State of Texas, County of El Paso.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned owners of water rights in the Loswenstein Community Ditch, for and in consideration of the benefits to accrue to us, respectively, by reason of the reconstruction, enlargement, and improvement of the said Loswenstein Community Ditch system to be hereafter performed by the United States of America, hereby disclaim and release all our right, title, and interest in and to the said Loswenstein Community ditch system as the same is now constructed and in existence, as shown by the blueprint hereto attached and made a part hereof, and agree that the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 368), and acts smendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, may take charge of, operate, maintain, and control said ditch system and all appurtenances thereof, and shall have the right to reconstruct, enlarge, and otherwise improve the same in any manner deemed necessary by the proper officers of the United States in order that there may be afforded better facilities for the irrigation of the lands tributary thereto, and may take and use any additional abutting land belonging to the signers hereof, not exceeding five feet in width, which may be necessary for the proper enlargement and improvements of said canal.

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El Paso, Texas, January 7, 1920.

Mr. F. C. Belt.

Ysleta, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of several days ago. I have prepared and herewith enclose the necessary papers for taking over the Loewenstein ditch. The deed should be signed by the Commissioners of said ditch, and the individual waivers should be signed by at least a majority of the owners of lands irrigated from this ditch and as many more as possible. It would be better of the signatures of all could be secured.

You will understand that the transfer of this ditch is subject to the approval of the higher officials of the Reclamation Service at Denver and Washington and the transfer does not become effective until such approval. I am merely sending you these papers, as requested by you, and the sending of them should not be construed as an agreement or understanding of any sort that this ditch will be taken over for operation during the present year, or at any time until some definite arrangement to that effect shall have been made with the Project Manager of the Rio Grande project. This is a matter of policy with which I have nothing to do, as I am in charge of the legal work for the Service only. I would suggest that you take up the transfer of this ditch either with Mr. Lawson, the Project Manager, or with Mr. Parry, the Irrigation Manager, who are in charge of this end of the work.

I have been unable to furnish these papers at an earlier date on account of the absence of our stenographer, as the papers had to be written up specially.

Very truly yours,

District Counsel.

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OC to P. M., El Paso.