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Okanagan Centre, B. C.,  
Jan. 25, 1927.

J. E. Lane, Esq.,  
Chairman, Board of Investigation,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Lane:

I have gone over the draft order with Mr. Logie and I have discussed its terms informally with Mr. Maile and explained the changes we think should be made.

We are embarrassed on account of Mr. Cochrane's death, but we have tried to agree with the order as prepared, making only such alterations as we think necessary to carry out the intention of the parties and establish a workable agreement.

The reasons for most of the changes will be obvious to you, but I will refer to several.

Clause 2 (a) I don't think it fair that we should allow interest on water rates paid during 1926. None of them were paid before April. Payments were made from time to time during the summer. Finally there were over \$ 4000. of arrears at the end of the year.

Clause 3. Mr. Logie agrees that it will be the 15th of September in each year before the quantities of water supplied can be accurately ascertained. At the same time we think the bulk of the rates should be paid before all the water is used; hence the provision for the additional \$ 1.50 per acre foot to be paid on or before August 1st.

Clause 8. The change suggested is for the purpose of bringing about intimate relations between the Users and the Company, the Engineer to be called in only to settle any disagreement. I think most of the troubles at the Centre are because of misunderstanding through lack of frequent and friendly conferences.

Clause 9. My understanding, is that a fresh start is to be made beginning with Jan. 1, 1926, and that neither expenditures, nor revenues, incident to any earlier period are being dealt with.

We have tried to meet the views of the Users, and yours, and hope our attitude will be understood in the spirit in which it is meant, - and reciprocated.

When replying, please write to Mr. Logie, sending me a copy to Trail, B. C. I shall be in the latter place until about Feb. 3rd. If the copy reaches there after that date it will be forwarded to my Toronto address, 302 Bay St.

Yours truly,  
J. J. W.