Mr. William H. Nelson
The Daily Sentinel
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mr. Nelson:

In accordance with your request, enclosed are eight photographs with captions affixed to the backs.

Recent work at Blue Mesa has been mostly in the powerhouse. As you will note in Photograph No. P622A-427-10521A, the turbine wheel and shaft for Unit No. 1 is being lowered into place. Placing of concrete pit liner is underway in Unit No. 2. The generator for Unit No. 1 has arrived at the jobsite. Approximately eighty per cent of the work has been completed on the switchyard on the canyon rim between the powerhouse and U. S. Highway 50. At this time a connection between the switchyard and the Curecanti-Gunnison 115-KV line is being made. All this work is being performed by Eagle Construction Corporation of Loveland, Colorado.

At Morrow Point, placing of concrete on the dam was discontinued the first of November for the winter months. 237,570 yards have been placed during the past construction season. A total of 280,491 yards of concrete have been placed in the dam and the highest blocks are 360' above bedrock at this time. Work underway at this time that will continue throughout the winter consists of excavation of the stilling basin area, placing the steel penstocks in the tunnels leading to the powerhouse, and the work in the powerhouse itself.

Johnson and Blattner Construction Company of Litchfield, Minnesota, was awarded the contract and given notice to proceed October 4 on Silver Jack Dam. At this time the trees and other vegetation have been stripped from the abutments. Cimarron Creek has been re-channeled along the left abutment. The contractor is suspending operations for the winter months on November 19.
Final work on the Curecanti-Poncha section of the Curecanti-Midway 230-KV transmission line over Monarch Pass was completed in August. Most of the Bureau of Reclamation personnel working on this project transferred onto the eastern slope to continue with the Poncha-Midway section.

Bureau personnel working on the entire Curecanti Unit now number 161. Eagle Construction Corporation at Blue Mesa employ approximately 70 persons. Johnson-M.K. has reduced their personnel from a high of 500 this summer down to 187.

We are pleased to hear you have recovered from your injury enough to be back to the office. If we can be of further help to you let us know.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Seery
Project Construction Engineer

Enclosures

Copy to: Regional Director, Salt Lake City, Utah
Attention: Code 140

Recent work at Blue Mesa has been completed. As you will note in the photographs, P6274-127-100-A, the turbine wheel and shaft for Unit No. 1 is being installed in place. Placing of concrete pipe liners is underway in Unit No. 1. The generator for Unit No. 1 has arrived at the powerhouse. Approximately 90 percent of the work has been completed on the switchyard and the 300-foot wall between the powerhouse and U. S. Highway 50. All work is being performed by Eagle Construction Corporation of Colorado.

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