

Water Service Agreement

When Central provides a water service, it does so through what is often termed a “Water Service Agreement”. The most common water service agreements are those with irrigation customers for the delivery of water for irrigation, but Central also enters into agreements for other water services as well.

Both the State of Nebraska and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program have a need for retiming flows in the Platte River. Central has entered into a Water Service Agreement by which Central would use the J-2 Project to provide a service of regulating return flows for the State and the Program. Payments for the water service will allow Central to recover at least 95% of the cost to construct and operate the J-2 Project.

The State of Nebraska and the Platte River Program will split credits for the water service in proportion to the amount that each is paying for the service; with an initial split of 25% of the credit going to The State of Nebraska and 75% of the credit going to the Platte River Program.

The State of Nebraska intends to use its water service credit, both for itself and for several Natural Resources Districts, to satisfy regulatory requirements for “new depletions offsets”.

The Platte River Program intends to use its share of the water service to help satisfy its objectives of providing Platte River flow improvements for threatened and endangered species.