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## DOLE TO ATTEND POST ROCK RURAL WATER DISTRICT GROUND BREAKING

WASHINGTON -- The office of Senator Bob Dole today announced that he is slated to participate in the ground breaking ceremony which will officially launch construction of the first phase of the Post Rock Rural Water District on Thursday morning, July 19, 1984, at 9 a.m.

The event will take place at the construction site, 1/2 mile south of Kanopolis Dam on State Highway 141, southeast of Ellsworth. The nine members of the Board of Directors, chaired by Robert Whitmer of Dorrance, will serve as hosts. The public is invited to attend, along with elected officials and the county commissioners of the six counties which will be served by this phase of the water system.

"I look forward to joining the Board of Directors and their supporters in marking an occasion of significance for all of us," said Senator Dole. "Now we are able to celebrate a milestone which attests to the perseverance of those who were determined to see that our rural families will be able to enjoy a continuous source of clean, safe water in their homes."

The District, first conceived in 1976 by an Ellsworth group, eventually grew to encompass eight counties and has enlisted 1200 subscribers and six towns. Senator Dole announced the obligation of funds by the Farmers Home Administration in 1982. Plans were finalized and contracts awarded on May 31st of this year.

First phase plans call for 680 miles of pipeline to provide water service from Kanopolis Reservoir to a six-county area of central Kansas: Ellsworth, Lincoln, Salina, Ottawa, southeast Russell, and northeast Barton. A second phase is slated to expand service in Russell County and add service to Osborne County and a corner of Ellis County.

A total of nearly \$10 million is budgeted for the project. Approximately \$8.5 million has been obligated in grants and loans by the Farmers Home Administration. Other funds have been generated by user memberships and a matching grant from the Economic Development Administration.

The engineering firm of Van Gundy and Associates in Ellsworth is responsible for design and construction.

The four successful contractors were also low bidders. The treatment plant portion was awarded to the L.R. Foy Construction Company of Hutchinson for \$1,627,088. A contract for \$5,172,917.80 for the distribution system was signed by Eatherly Contractors of Garden City. A pedestal-type reservoir will be provided by Hydrostorage, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa, for \$213,750. Two standpipe reservoirs will be erected by Gerard Tank and Steel of Concordia at a cost of \$184,756.