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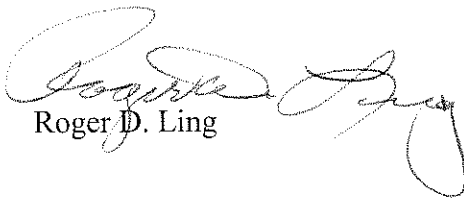
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RE: **Subcase No. 31-11845 (Jernberg)**

Dear Candice:

I did not receive your letter of March 3, 2005 in regard to the above subcase involving the late Claim of Ben D. Jernberg until March 8, 2005. Because Mr. Jernberg has been on his ranch in Arizona for the winter, he did not receive my letter until today. Of course, we are very much concerned with the initial finding that the total irrigated acres was only 183. Part of the problem may be the fact that the drastically declining ground water tables in that area have prevented Mr. Jernberg from irrigating the full acres previously irrigated under this license. We are gathering the information which will support the claim. I would hope that you could defer the Department's report on this water right until we have had the opportunity to submit additional information.

Very truly yours,


Roger D. Ling

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pc: Mr. Ben D. Jernberg