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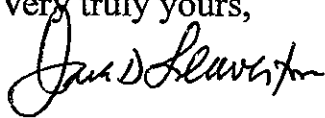
Re: Notice of Claim 96-4071 and Water Right 96-8042

Dear Ms. Van Bussum:

Following up on your e-mail to me dated March 16, 2009 I am enclosing a statement and a corresponding map which relate to both the Notice of Claim to a Water Right No. 96-4071 and to Water Right License No. 96-8042.

Thank you for time on this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Very truly yours,



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Statement Regarding Notice of Claim 96-4071 and Water Right 96-8042

Please note the attached map on which I have identified certain parcels of land. I arbitrarily designated them as parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

My wife and I are the present owners of parcel 1.

My uncle (Carl Douglas Rude) acquired all of the land involved as one parcel in 1946. By 1950 three homes had been constructed, one on parcel 2 (my aunt and uncle's home), one on parcel 3 (my grandparent's home), and one on parcel 4 (my parent's home). I lived in my parents home from 1949 until 1966 when I left home for college. When the homes were built a water system was also constructed by which water was diverted from a small spring or creek higher up on parcel 1 and then piped downhill to a reservoir also located on parcel 1. From this reservoir domestic water was drawn for the three homes on parcels 2, 3, and 4 and for a garden located on that portion of parcel 1 located between parcels 3 and 4. My father (Delbert Don Leaverton) filed the **Notice of Claim to a Water Right No. 96-4071** on July 13, 1973, which in large part documented this historic use.

Parcels 2, 3, and 4 were transferred out of my family in the 1970's, as was parcel 5. A house was built on parcel 5 after it was transferred out of my family and at that time the owners of that home also began using water from the same water system. In May of 1988 **Water Right License No. 96-8042** was issued to Raymond and Betty Sorensen who then owned parcel 5. The fact that this water use is from the same system is noted in the Beneficial Use Field Report Supplement included in the documentation for that license.

Over the years various components of the system have been repaired and replaced but the basic system has essentially remained the same. At least through the 1960's the system provided water for both household and irrigation use but now all of the homes have domestic wells for household water purposes.



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