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Director Gary Spackman

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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Claim No. 87-10075

Dear Mr. Olson,

This letter is in response to our meeting on December 1, 2021, and the letter you submitted as evidence for your claim on that date.

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was filed for the use of groundwater for domestic purposes with a claimed priority date of August 30, 2018. After review of the property and water use, this priority date was confirmed and recommended as claimed. The letter you submitted on December 1, 2021, details the history of the wells currently in use at your property as well as that of your neighbors, Keith and Heidi Kopf.

The priority date recommended for your claim (87-10075) is associated with the date water was first put to beneficial use for the claimed purpose within the claimed place of use. Through review of aerial photos and tax parcel records, it was determined that the home associated with the first use of your well is located on the parcel to the east of yours (parcel no. RP40N06W257200), and the home on your property (parcel no. RP40N06W255560) was not completed and connected to the claimed well until 2018. As such, the priority date recommended for PRBA Claim 87-10075 must remain as August 30, 2018

In our discussion you also described your family's intention to retain ownership of the senior water rights on your property. As detailed above, the historical water use for domestic purposes is associated with the original homes that first put the water source to beneficial use. As those senior water rights (87-11298, 87-11300, 87-11302) are now owned by the Kopfs, before you can take ownership, the Kopfs will have to convey all ownership interest of their right(s) to you and acquire new water right(s) for the water use in their home(s). You would then submit a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership for the water rights along with copies of the recorded conveyance documents.

Please keep in mind that the adjudication of historical water rights does not prevent the acquisition of new water rights on your family's property in the future. If you have any further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to help. We can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800.

Best Regards,

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Water Rights Supervisor
Northern Region

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