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Dear Mr. Blake:

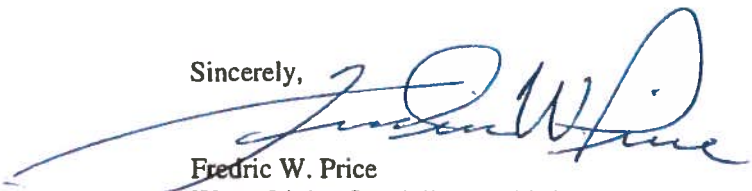
RE: Withdrawal of Protest
Transfer No.79230 (34-02419A) f/b Standlee Family Limited Partnership

By this letter, I state that I have the authority to act on behalf of the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (USDI/BLM), with myself as its agent, to the matters discussed herein. BLM protested because the transfer described a place of use (T04N, R26E, S29, SWSW, 7.0 acres) that contains both private and public lands.

IDWR prepared a draft transfer approval that includes two standard conditions that would resolve BLM's protest: (1) "Place of use does not include federal public lands;" and (2) "This right does not grant any right-of-way or easement across the land of another." There is still an issue of an unresolved lands trespass due to the pivot still crossing BLM land without a right-of-way (ROW), but this is a lands issue and not a water issue, however BLM will need to initiate formal trespass proceedings. I also notice that whereas partial decrees issued in the SRBA only describe 7.0 acres of irrigation in this quarter-quarter, according to 2013 NAIP imagery, there appears to be 13.08 acres of irrigation occurring, which means there is 6.08 acres of unauthorized water use occurring.

Provided that IDWR issues an approved transfer with the two remarks identified above, then BLM hereby withdraws its protest of the transfer so that the transfer process may continue. If there are questions regarding any statements above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 373-3831 or at the address provided above.

Sincerely,


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