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Jana Reeder
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Dear Jana,

This letter is a request for you to permit our son, Bruce Steed, to act as a witness on our behalf at the hearings. As you know we did grant our oldest son, Garth, power of attorney in our behalf who farms at Sublett, but Bruce is living in our home and has been privy to all the information and procedure in the necessity of our replacing our culinary well which was just completed because the old well dried up due to a substantial drop in the water table. In working with Couch drilling and Dennis Orton of Orton Enterprises located in Paul, our pump installer, Bruce has the data pertaining to the drop in our water table over the past several years as monitored by Orton. The amount that the water table has dropped is alarming and very pertinent to our objection to the new wells and increased water draw on the ground water as proposed by Pinnacle Great Plains Operating Company LLC. We have had to lower our culinary pump three times over the past five years until this year is was cheaper to drill a new well at a cost of \$11,650.. So because of our situation, we can document the time table and amount of the depletion of the ground water. In June of 2012 we had to replace our farm pump and lower it as much as possible, 50 feet, and we do not have any room to go deeper without drilling it deeper. Lane Pump did the work and Bruce and Garth will have that information at the hearing also. We hope you can see that having Bruce speak to the facts he has first hand on our behalf will enable Water Resources to envision the damage these additional wells would do to us if permitted. Our son, Garth rents potato ground from Jeff Johnson adjacent to North wells they propose to drill. So beside his concern for our future, he has his own vested interest in protecting the water table as according to our rights and water law.

Our Son Grant is renting our farm and because he is just getting a good start, if our farm well were to lose its' water and seriously damage his crop, it would wipe him out. So he will also be at the hearing on his behalf. Thank you for your consideration of this request and please let me know if there are any problems to it.

Sincerely,


Gary Steed

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