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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Gary Spackman
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January 4, 2013

RE: WATER PERMIT #37-8205, Sun Valley Land and Minerals

Dear Mr. Spackman,

I am writing on behalf of Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley to express our interest in using the hot mineral water at Clarendon in connection with our programs. The hot mineral water, the pond that has been created and the serene setting in which the pond is located is an ideal location for us to hold stress reducing soaks and related activities for our patients and their family caregivers. It also would be helpful for adults and children who are bereaved as well as for professional healthcare personnel doing this work.

The stress of family caregiving has become a national concern and many of us are trying to develop innovative ways to relieve stress, support these caregivers that are so vital to our aging population and create programs that can provide respite, relaxation and stress reduction. The Clarendon hot mineral pond is one unique solution.

The hot mineral water pond at Clarendon is a valuable resource to this community and I would urge you take any action necessary to insure that Sun Valley Land and Minerals is granted a license and that this well thought out resource can be used for the maximum benefit for this community.

Besides our organization, I would imagine that Wounded Warriors, who come to this area often, Sun Valley Adaptive Sports, the Wellness Festival (that is sponsored by St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center) and other like organizations would find this extraordinary resource an asset to their programs as well. Rarely do you find something this special. It needs to be preserved.

Please keep us informed. We are eager to hear of a positive outcome as a result of your discussions that I understand are taking place later this month.

Thank you very much.

Most sincerely,


Carolyn Nystrom, RN
Executive Director

Cc: Donna Kelsey, Brockway Engineering, Fritz Hammerle, Ed Lawson