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Annette Roth
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Dear Ms Roth:

Please find enclosed a water right transfer application, along with supporting documents, which you recently submitted to our office on behalf of John and Cathy Spratling. I have also enclosed the \$330.00 filing fee (Spratling Farms check #2463). The application is being returned so that a couple of items that prevent processing of the application can be addressed.

The first item relates to the lack of notarized signatures on the application. Please note that the applicant(s) must sign the application before a notary, and the notary has to complete the required items below the signature(s) on the signature page of the application.

The second item relates to the proof of ownership of the land involved with the application. As you recall, you submitted ownership documents that show that John and Cathy Spratling own the property involved with the application. This was done so that the name of the recorded water right owner could be changed from Spratling Farms to John and Cathy Spratling. However, a review of the documents included with the application revealed that the land in the North ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 6 (T11S, R28E) was not included in any of the documents. This land is identified on the existing rights prior to the transfer, and the proposed permissible place of use after the transfer and appears to consist of just a few acres on the north part of a half pivot. I think that Webb Brothers Land & Livestock may actually own this land. In order to identify this land as part of the place of use of water rights owned by John and Cathy Spratling, we will need documentation showing that they own the land, or documentation from the actual owner of the land showing that the Spratlings own the water rights appurtenant to this land.

I conducted a quick preliminary review of the rest of the application, and things seemed to be in order, so I encourage you to try and get the above mentioned items addressed as soon as possible to prevent further delay in the processing of the application. If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Corey Skinner, PE
Water Resource Engineer

Enclosures

cc: John and Cathy Spratling - w/o enclosures