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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Re: Big Springs, NE

Dear Ms. Zayac:

First, thank you and Susan France, Rod Horn and Keith Rexroth of the South Platte NRD, for coming to North Platte to meet with Doug Palik and myself representing the Village. Hopefully, we can use meetings like this to accomplish more quickly our common goals centered around protective use of the Nebraska's groundwater.

We are returning the Application For A Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit, and have inserted the corrected values for water use in Big Springs, in accordance with the information provided by the Village for the year 2003 ( copy attached ). The Village has also furnished the water use data for both the school and the grocery store ( copy attached ) which reflect the following usage for 2003:

Grocery store: 3,496,000 gallons  
School: 3,553,000 gallons

The Village use still seems high after deducting these two users. Un-metered use includes irrigation of the Village's two parks and furnishing water to the Village swimming pool, which is known to leak. It would be our goal to install meters at these locations to bring any superfluous water use under control. One last user, may be the schools track/football field, which I haven't been able to find out is metered. It will be easier to tell when the irrigation system is put to use in a few months. Our intent would be to also meter that use, if it is not currently being metered. The school has 4 or more 2" meters, since water lines were run in at various times in the past to service the school, and we are not sure that we found all the water lines when meters were installed.

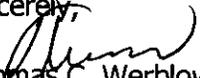
As we discussed at the meeting, we anticipate that the northeast quadrant of the Interstate exchange at Big Springs will become part of our water system within the year as well as several rural users. At this point, however, this has not been totally decided, because of funding issues and a determination whether the Village will provide service to users outside of the town proper.

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Finally, we understand that the existing Village wells will need to be abandoned once the new wells are placed on line. I believe that the NRD has our commitment to that already.

Thanks again for your help and please contact us if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Werblow, P.E.

cc: Village  
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