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Wes Essmiller, Manager
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RE: Extension of comment period
File No. 16,111

Dear Mr. Essmiller,

I have received your May 23, 2011 request, as well as similar request from others, to extend the 30-day comment period for the Initial Report on the impairment investigation in the case of Water Right File No. 16,111 in Pawnee County. After due consideration of your request, I find that it is prudent to allow more time for all parties to review the Initial Report and the underlying data used to produce it. Therefore, I grant your request for a 30-day extension of the comment period and hereby extend the deadline for comments on the Initial Report to Friday, July 15, 2011. I have also directed that the water level and pumping rate data that was used to generate the Initial Report will be posted on the Impairment Investigation Reports webpage at:

http://www.ksda.gov/water_management_services/content/321/cid/1745.

I look forward to continuing our work to address this issue.

Sincerely,



David W. Barfield, P.E.
Chief Engineer

DWB: spf

pc: John Hallock for Water File No. 16,111
Marlen Ken Peters for Water Right File Nos. 16,125 and 29,706
Jerrod Smith for Water Right File Nos. 16,125 and 29,706
Gayle Christie & Ruth Peters for Water Right File Nos. 16,125 and 29,706
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