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Dear Ms. Gibbs:

RE:

The letter is intended to confirm our telephone conversation on the afternoon of Juhe 27, 2001, regarding the above-referenced water right. As we discussed, this office represents the current owner of that water right, Great Spring Waters of America, Inc. (GSWA). We only recently received a copy of correspondence from you to Mr. and Mrs. Ahadpour (the prior water right holders) dated September 28, 2000, regarding several open issues related to License 659. You have graciously agreed to allow us until July 6, 2001, to provide several pieces of information associated with License 659, as described below.

First, we will provide you with a completed Notice of Assignment. We have made contact with the Ahadpours to obtain their signatures on the Notice of Assignment.

Second, we will file completed Reports of Licensee for the years 1988 through 1998. (The current three-year report cycle (1999-2001) will end in 2001.) You have agreed to allow GSWA to complete the forms for years prior to their ownership, provided we have reliable information regarding the water use and can include an explanation regarding the source of that information.

Third, you agreed to hold in abeyance any further action on the Petition for Change filed by the Ahadpours in 1995, for a period of time sufficient to allow GSWA, and another interested party, to evaluate the need for that petition. As I mentioned on the telephone, GSWA is currently con-

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cluding a transaction that involves License 659. We would like to provide the prospective water right holder an opportunity to consider whether to reinitiate the Petition for Change.

Finally, you have agreed to suspend any further action on the potential forfeiture of this water right pending receipt of this information. Presumably, once the proper forms and information are filed, there will be no need to consider further the forfeiture issue.

We very much appreciate your willingness to provide us sufficient time to complete and correct the records on this water right. I anticipate no problems in providing you with the appropriate information no later than July 6, 2001.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the interim, please contact me.

Best regards,

Robert J. Saperstein For HATCH AND PARENT

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