APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER GROUND WATER
UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Application Instructions

This application must be completed in full and be accompanied by a non-refundable $50.00 filing fee to the Upper Big Blue NRD, 319 East 25th St., York, Nebraska 68467. An incomplete application will be returned for correction. A returned application must be resubmitted within 30 days or the filing fee is forfeited.

The application must be signed by the landowner, his/her power of attorney or be accompanied by a notarized statement, signed by the landowner, authorizing another person’s signature. A “United States Citizenship Attestation Form” must be on file at the NRD for each individual applicant. This form is attached or may be obtained by contacting the NRD office or may be printed at www.upperbigblue.org.

Ground Water Management Area rules and regulations are subject to change. A copy of District Rule 5 is available upon request. Prior to beginning the proposed ground water transfer the permittee should contact the NRD office if he or she has any questions about the rules and regulations.

1. PURPOSE OF TRANSFER: (Check appropriate item(s))
   - Irrigation
   - Industrial/Commercial
   - Other (specify)

2. LOCATION OF SOURCE TRACT (where well(s) is located):
   - County
   - Total acres in tract:

3. LOCATION OF DESTINATION TRACT (land to be irrigated):
   - County
   - Acres to be Irrigated:

4. IS THE WELL(S) TO PROVIDE WATER PROPOSED OR EXISTING: (Check one):
   - Proposed
   - Existing if existing, please list State Registration No. ________

INCLUDE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE SOURCE TRACT AND THE DESTINATION TRACT. Aerial photos can be obtained at the county FSA office.

5. LANDOWNER CERTIFICATION:
   I, hereby, certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application and, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is complete and accurate. I also acknowledge that I understand and will comply with the District’s Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations.

Date ___________________________ Signature of Landowner of Source Tract

Date ___________________________ Signature of Landowner of Destination Tract (if different than source tract)
This transfer of ground water is authorized subject to the following conditions.

1. The transfer of ground water must conform to all applicable conditions of Upper Big Blue NRD Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations (Rule 5).

2. The transfer must also comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Nebraska.

3. Additional conditions:

   Date

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   Approved NRD Representative

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Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Summary of Ground Water Transfers Requirements (Rule 5 Chapter 11)

01 A person who intends to transfer groundwater from an overlying tract, shall apply for a transfer authorization on forms provided by the District –

01.01 A non-refundable application fee of fifty (50) dollars payable to the District shall accompany all requests for a ground water transfer to cover costs associated with its review.

02 The District will consider a request for a new groundwater transfer by an agricultural user, as defined in Chapter 4 ¶ 17.01, when the following criteria are met:

02.01 The destination tract is directly adjacent or diagonal to the source tract, and

02.02 At its closest point, the destination tract is not more than three thousand (3,000) feet from the source well, and

02.03 The source well is at least one thousand (1,000) feet from all other water wells under separate ownership,

02.04 The ground water use acres in the destination tract is limited to an amount less than or equal to the total number of

02.05 The maximum transfer to a destination tract shall not exceed one-hundred and sixty (160) acres.

03 A municipal user or other user, as defined in Chapter 4 ¶ 17.02 and ¶ 17.03, shall only be allowed to initiate new ground water transfers to a government survey section that is directly adjacent or diagonal to the source tract.

04 Transfers proposing to withdraw more than two-hundred and fifty (250) acre feet annually shall conduct a hydrologic evaluation as provided in Chapter. 5, ¶ 05.

05 Transfers exempt from Chapter 11 –

05.01 The following types of transfers are exempt from Chapter 11:

05.01a Ground water transfers authorized by the Municipal Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act.

05.01b Transfers of ground water that were started prior to August 1, 2007.

05.01c The physical transfer of ground water within the same government survey section.

05.01d Ground water transfers within the corporate limits of a municipality.

A copy of District Rule 5 is available by contacting the Upper Big Blue NRD office a 319 East 25th St., York NE 68467, Ph (402) 362-6601. District Rule 5 is also available on the District’s web site www.upperbigblue.org.