

# The Pioneer Irrigation Company

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Mr. Donald D. Price,  
State Engineer,  
Lincoln, Nebr.,

Dear Sir:-

We are going ahead as per your suggestion and file our claim for water under the Haigler Land & Canal Company's ditch. This application will be made by the Pioneer Irrigation Company, a corporation which we have just organized in the State of Nebraska who will take over the property; they in turn will go to the United States Court in Denver with a suit in equity based on Nebraska state adjudication.

To give me some idea in filling out the application I wish to ask some questions, but first of all I will say that the Colorado people who were contending with us for water for that portion of our ditch in the State of Colorado, have conceded to us fifteen cubic feet. This is for about 1030 acres, of which we claim we irrigated 85%. They summed it up that we had therefore about 900 acres under irrigation and that taking shrinkage and all, one foot would serve perhaps 60 acres, thus they gave us 15 ft.,

The things that I notice in your claim blank that I am not able to fill out now and would not be without a survey, is the exact dimensions of the ditch and the several points along the same, also the amount of excavation and cost. These are things that I am not able to get possession of, because of the old engineer who built this ditch has long since left the country and did not leave original note books, and as the country is buried in snow, it will be impossible for us to survey this ditch again in order to give you accurate dimensions and cross sections. I have a close enough knowledge for general purposes because I have within the last year or two measured the ditch at one or two points, and when it came to make the proofs I would then perhaps have more definite data, but I am very eager to get this case started and would like to have you accept my general statement as to amount of excavation, cost and dimensions. For instance, two years, after the ditch was started we carried from the tail-end of the lands across the Arickaree in a flume some ten cu. ft. besides supplying the customers along the ditch, and the head-gate will carry 91 ft; the amount of original claim. Of course I had the dimensions exactly with the grade, and the ditch at present is a trifle larger than it was when first finished.

I also want to ask you for the benefit of further administration of the ditch, what is customary as to the manner of leasing water per acre and what rules are regarding price and quantity. If this is an open question give me some idea of what other ditches in Nebraska are leasing for, also what they are selling for per cu. ft.

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