

06/27/2003

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION OF WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

RIGHT NUMBER: 29-13561

NAME AND ADDRESS: CITY OF POCA TELLO
PO BOX 4169
POCA TELLO ID 83205

SOURCE: GROUND WATER

TRIBUTARY:

QUANTITY: 4.230 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 08/31/1931

POINT OF DIVERSION:

T06S R34E S14 NWNW Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S15 NWNE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S15 NENW Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S15 NESE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S15 NESE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S16 NENE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S23 NWNE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S23 SWNE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S23 SENW Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S23 NESW Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S26 NENW Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S26 SWSE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S35 NWNE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S35 SENE Within BANNOCK County
T06S R34E S35 NWSE Within BANNOCK County
T07S R34E S1 NWNE Lot 2 Within BANNOCK County
T07S R34E S1 SWNE Within BANNOCK County
T07S R34E S1 NESE Within BANNOCK County
T07S R34E S1 SESE Within BANNOCK County
T07S R35E S6 NWSE Within BANNOCK County
T07S R35E S7 NESW Within BANNOCK County
T07S R35E S18 SENE Within BANNOCK County

PURPOSE AND
PERIOD OF USE:

PURPOSE OF USE
MUNICIPAL

PERIOD OF USE
01/01 12/31

QUANTITY
4.230 CFS

PLACE OF USE:

Place of use is within the service area of the City of Pocatello municipal water supply system as provided for under Idaho Law.

OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

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To the extent necessary for administration, water was first appropriated or used from:

Pocatello Well No. 2 located in T07S, R34E, S01, NWNE,
on 12/31/1926 in the amount of 3.12 cfs

Pocatello Well No. 3 located in T07S, R34E, S01, SWNE,
on 12/31/1926 in the amount of 4.23 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 7 located in T06S, R34E, S35, NWNE,
on 12/31/1940 in the amount of 4.46 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 10 located in T06S, R34E, S26, NENW,
on 6/15/1948 in the amount of 5.35 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 12 located in T06S, R34E, S35, SENE,
on 9/1/1953 in the amount of 6.20 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 13 located in T07S, R34E, S01, SESE,
on 9/1/1953 in the amount of 2.22 cfs, and on 10/16/1958 for an additional amount of 0.89 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 14 located in T07S, R35E, S07, NESW,
on 12/31/1955 in the amount of 0.22 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 15 located in T07S, R35E, S06, NWSE,
on 9/1/1953 in the amount of 1.11 cfs, and on 2/24/1977 for an additional amount of 2.23 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 16 located in T06S, R34E, S26, SWSE,
on 10/16/1958 in the amount of 6.67 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 18 located in T06S, R34E, S15, NENW,
on 10/16/1958 in the amount of 4.66 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 21 located in T06S, R34E, S23, SWNE,
on 9/15/1955 in the amount of 3.89 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 22 located in T06S, R34E, S23, SENW,
on 10/22/1952 in the amount of 3.68 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 23 located in T06S, R34E, S23, NWNE,
on 8/15/1956 in the amount of 4.44 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 26 located in T06S, R34E, S15, NWNE,
on 6/1/1945 in the amount of 2.67 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 27 located in T06S, R34E, S14, NWNW,
on 12/10/1964 in the amount of 4.10 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 28 located in T07S, R34E, S01, NESE,
on 8/31/1951 in the amount of 4.90 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 29 located in T06S, R34E, S23, NESW,
on 11/6/1972 in the amount of 6.20 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 30 located in T06S, R34E, S35, NWNE,
on 4/25/1976 in the amount of 5.57 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 31 located in T06S, R34E, S15, NESE,
on 4/25/1976 in the amount of 8.02 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 32 located in T06S, R34E, S16, NENE,
on 4/25/1976 in the amount of 3.45 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 33 located in T07S, R35E, S18, SENE,
on 10/1/1962 in the amount of 0.21 cfs.

Pocatello Well No. 34 located in T06S, R34E, S15, NESE,
on 2/18/1985 in the amount of 7.00 cfs.

This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

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EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: Beneficial Use

RIGHT INCLUDES ACCOMPLISHED CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION
PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-1425, IDAHO CODE.

APR 25 2003

Department of Water Resources

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER FROM
THE SNAKE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM

CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 39576

Ident. Number 29-13541
Date Received:
Receipt No:
Received By:

AMENDED NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

1. Name of Claimant(s)

CITY OF POCA TELLO Phone: (208)232-4311

PO BOX 4169
POCA TELLO ID USA 83201

2. Date of Priority: August 31, 1931

3. Source: GROUND WATER

4. Point of Diversion:

Township Range Section 1/4 of 1/4 of 1/4 Lot County Type

SEE ATTACHMENT A

5. Description of diverting works:

32 WELLS

6. Water is used for the following purposes:

Purpose
MUNICIPAL

From To C.F.S.
1/01 12/31 4.23

(or) A.F.A

7. Total Quantity Appropriated is:
4.23 C.F.S.

8. Total consumptive use:

9. Non-irrigation uses: MUNICIPAL, CITY OF POCA TELLO

COPY

10. Place of use: WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF THE CITY OF POCA TELLO'S MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER IDAHO LAW.

Township	Range	Section	1/4 of 1/4	Lot	Use	Acres
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11. Place of use in counties:

12. Do you own the property listed above as place of use? No

13. Other Water Rights Used: [LIST/ATTACH CITY'S MUNICIPAL WATER RIGHTS]

14. Remarks:

P/U WITHIN CITY OF POCA TELLO & VICINITY.

29-2274: ESTABLISHED ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IN WELL #4 (4.23 CFS)

15. Basis of Claim:

BENEFICIAL USE

COPY

16. Signature(s)

(a.) By signing below, I/We acknowledge that I/We have received, read and understand the form entitled "How you will receive notice in the Snake River Basin Adjudication." (b.) I/We do _____ do not _____ wish to receive and pay a small annual fee for monthly copies of the docket sheet.

Number of attachments: _____

For Organizations:

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am the City Attorney of the City of Pocatello, a Municipal Corporation, that I have signed the foregoing document in the space below as the City Attorney of the City of Pocatello and that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

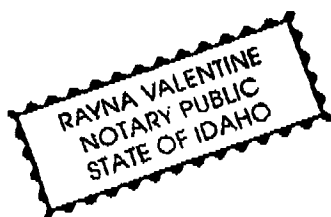
Signature of Authorized Agent: _____
Title and Organization: _____

A. Dean Tanne
City Attorney, City of Pocatello

4-21-03
Date

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Bannock)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 2003.



Rayna Valentine
NOTARY PUBLIC
Residing at Pocatello
My commission Expires 4/28/09

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Notices of Claim

Tab	Priority Date	Rate of Diversion C.F.S.
1	June 16, 1898	7.000
2	1905	1.34
3	1925	0.96
4	December 31, 1926	9.13
5	August 31, 1931	4.23
6	1936	2.45
7	December 31, 1940	10.34
8	December 31, 1942	1.92
9	June 1, 1943	2.67
10	June 15, 1948	9.69
11	August 1951	4.9
12	September 1, 1953	9.53
13	August 27, 1954	0.28
14	September 15, 1955	3.89
15	October 1, 1955	1.22
16	August 15, 1956	4.44
17	December 21, 1956	3.82
18	October 16, 1958	13.02
19	1961	3.36
20	October 1, 1962	2.67
21	December 10, 1964	4.1
22	November 6, 1972	3.9
23	April 11, 1973	10.01
24	August 22, 1974	1
25	April 25, 1976	17.07
26	February 24, 1977	2.23
27	December 29, 1977	9.28
28	June 13, 1978	3.34
29	July 6, 1979	0.10
30	May 21, 1984	4.46
31	January 18, 1985	7

ATTACHMENT A

Township	Range	Section	¼ of ¼,	County of
7S	34E	1	NE	BANNOCK (well #2)
7S	34E	1	NE	BANNOCK (well #3)
6S	34E	26	NE NW	BANNOCK (well #10)
6S	34E	35	SE NE	BANNOCK (well #12)
7S	34E	12	NW NE	BANNOCK (well #13)
7S	35E	7	NE SW	BANNOCK (well #14, Cree)
7S	35E	6	NW SE	BANNOCK (well #15)
6S	34E	26	SW SE	BANNOCK (well #16)
7S	34E	1	SE SE	BANNOCK (well #17)
6S	34E	15	NE NW	BANNOCK (well #18)
6S	34E	7	SE NE	BANNOCK (well #19)
6S	34E	23	SW NE	BANNOCK (well #21)
6S	34E	23	SE NW	BANNOCK (well #22)
6S	34E	23	NW NE	BANNOCK (well #23)
6S	34E	15	NW NE	BANNOCK (well #26, PIP)
6S	34E	15	NE NE	BANNOCK (well #27)
7S	34E	1	NE SE	BANNOCK (well #28)
6S	34E	23	NE SW	BANNOCK (well #29)
6S	34E	35	NW NE	BANNOCK (well #30)
6S	34E	15	NE SE	BANNOCK (well #31)
6S	34E	16	NE NE	BANNOCK (well #32)
7S	35E	18	SE NE	BANNOCK (well #33)
6S	34E	15	NE SE	BANNOCK (well #34)
6S	33E	10	NE SE	POWER (well #35, Phillips 3)
6S	33E	15	SW NE	POWER (well #39, Phillips 1)
6S	33E	10	NE SE	POWER (well #40, Phillips 2)
6S	33E	9	SW SW	POWER (well #41, Airport 2)
6S	33E	16	NW SW	POWER (well #42, Airport 1)
6S	34E	9	SW SE	BANNOCK (well #43, Ward)
7S	35E	16	SW SW	BANNOCK (well #44)
6S	33E	12	SE NE	POWER (WPC plant)
7S	35E	6	NW NW	BANNOCK (Restlawn)

Priority date	Amount by priority (cfs)	Cumulative amount (cfs)	IDWR Reference	Well #	Explanation showing ground water use development over time
1905	1.34	1.34	29-2324	A 1	Alameda well 1 (replaced by well #29 in 1972)
1925	0.96	2.3	29-2324	A 2	Alameda well 2 (replaced by well #29 in 1972)
1926	9.13	11.43	29-2274	1, 2, 3	Establish capacity and demonstrate use of facilities on Pocatello wells # 1 (2.45 cfs), 2 (2.45 cfs), 3 (4.23 cfs)
Aug. 31 1931	4.23	15.66	29-2274	4	Establish additional capacity: Pocatello well # 4 (4.23 cfs, using pump from # 3 with no intent to abandon well #3). Continue use of Pocatello wells # 1, 2
1934-1936	0	15.66	29-2274	5	No change in capacity: abandon well # 1 and replace with well # 5; using wells # 4 (transfer pump # 1), 5 (transfer pump # 2 with no intent to abandon well # 2); pump 3 sold to Idaho Falls
1936	2.45	18.11	29-2274	6	Establish additional capacity: well # 6 (2.45 cfs with new pump); continue use of wells # 4, 5
1939	0	18.11			No change in capacity: well # 3 reactivated
Dec. 31 1940	10.34	28.45	29-2274 29-2338 29-2324	7, 39 (Ph 1), 22 (A 3)	Establish additional capacity: well # 7 completed (pump capacity of 2000 gpm or 4.46 cfs); well #39 or Phillips 1 (2.2 cfs); well #22 or Alameda well 3 (3.68 cfs)
Dec. 31 1942	1.92	30.37	29-2338	40 (Ph 2)	Establish additional capacity: Well #40 or Phillips 2 (1.92 cfs; Report of Eng for amount; Evidence binder supports priority date)
June 1 1943	2.67	33.04	29-4221	PIP	Establish additional capacity: well PIP (2.67 cfs; Evidence binder supports priority date)
1947	0	33.04			No change in capacity: well # 8 drilled but infrastructure completed and well put into use in 1948
June 15 1948	9.69	42.73	29-2274: 1948 Permit; 1953 Proof of C/W due; 1959 Notice of BU due; 1954 Field Report	2 (add'l cfs) 8 9 10	Establish additional capacity: well # 2 reactivated (additional .67 cfs for total of 3.12 cfs); well # 8 (2.67 cfs; larger pump installed before Notice of Completion of Works due [4/25/53] on 1948 permit; see 1954 field exam); well # 9 drilled in 1948 (450 gpm pump by 1952 = 1 cfs); well # 10 (5.35 cfs pump capacity). Well # 3 redrilled; no change in capacity.
Aug. 1951	4.9	47.63	29-7106	28 (aka 20/Turner)	Well # 28 (also # 20 and Turner well) drilled in August 1951; license 29-7106 (erroneous 1972 priority date) establishes 1951 use.
Sept. 1 1953	9.53	57.16	29-2338	11, 12, 15 13 (Riverside GC)	Well # 11 (0 cfs; well and property sold in 1992); well # 12 (6.2 cfs); well # 13 (Riverside Golf Course, 2.22 cfs); well # 15 (1.11 cfs); Phillips 1 @ 1940; Phillips 2 @ 1942
Aug. 27 1954	0.28	57.44	29-2354	Restlawn	Restlawn Cemetery well
Sept. 15 1955	3.89	61.33	29-4224	21 (A 4)	Well # 21 (Alameda 4) for 3.89 cfs
Oct. 1 1955	1.22	62.55	29-4226	14 /CREE	Well #14 or Cree for 1.22 cfs
Aug. 15 1956	4.44	66.99	29-4225	23 (A 5)	Well # 23 (Alameda 5) for 4.44 cfs
Dec. 21 1956	3.82	70.81	29-2382	17 (Highland GC)	Well # 17 (3.82 cfs; Highland Golf Course; land & well purchased by city in 1973; not to be confused with well #17 at Riverside Golf Course)
Oct. 16 1958	13.02	83.83	29-2401 for 15.63	16, 18, 19 13 (add'l cfs at RGC)	Well # 16 (6.67 cfs); well #17 is actually Riverside Golf Course well # 13 (increased capacity, .89 cfs), well # 18 (4.66 cfs); well # 19 (0.8 cfs); well 3 claimed in 1926
July 1961	3.36	87.19	29-2383 29-2384	A 6 A 7	Alameda 6, 29-2383 (1.70 cfs) and Alameda 7, 29-2384 (1.66 cfs)
Oct. 1 1962	2.67	89.86	29-4223	33	Well # 33 for 2.67 cfs (Evidence binder)
Dec. 10 1964	4.1	93.96	29-2499	27	Well # 27 for 4.1 cfs
Nov. 6 1972	3.9	97.86	29-7106	29	Well # 29 for 3.9 cfs (3.9 cfs: 6.2 cfs less 2.3 cfs for replacement of Alameda 1 and 2 wells; 6.2 cfs: licensed amount 11.1 cfs less 4.9 cfs for well # 28 claimed with 1951 priority date)
Apr. 11 1973	10.01	107.87	29-7118, 29-7119	42, 41 (Airport 1 and 2)	Well #42 or airport 1 (4.01 cfs) and #41 or airport 2 (6 cfs)
Aug. 22 1974	1	108.87	29-7222	43	Well #43 or Ward Park for 1 cfs
Apr. 25 1976	17.07	125.94	29-7322	30, 31, 32	Well # 30 (5.57 cfs); well # 31 (8.02 cfs); well # 32 (3.45 cfs)
Feb. 24 1977	2.23	128.17	29-7375	15 (add'l cfs)	Well #15 redrilled, 2.23 cfs (well capacity is 3.34 cfs, less 1.11 cfs claimed on earlier license, 29-2338)
Dec. 29 1977	9.28	137.45	29-7431		Reuse of municipal water, irrigation season only (9.28 cfs)
June 13 1978	3.34	140.79	29-7450	35 (Ph 3)	Well # 35 or Phillips 3 (3.34 cfs)
July 6 1979	.1	140.89	29-7502	Restlawn	Restlawn Cemetery well (.1 cfs)
May 21 1984	4.46	145.35	29-7770	WPC	Well # WPC: Does Pocatello have evidence of 5.72 cfs?
Jan. 18 1985	7	152.35	29-7782	34	Well #34 (7 cfs)
2001	0	152.35	Transfer 5452	44	POD added to 29-2274, 29-2338, and 29-7375
TOTAL	152.35				

City of Pocatello Claim Summary

Original Claims (4/16/1990)				IDWR Preliminary Recommendations (2/12/2003)				Revised Comprehensive Filing (4/25/2003)	
WR No.	cfs	AFY	Priority Date	WR No.	Proposed cfs	Comments	Priority Date	WR No.	cfs
29-271	3.22		2/26/1869	29-11339	0	1		1869	3.22
29-4222	7		6/16/1898		0			1898	7
29-272	0.56		10/1/1901	29-11343	0	1		1901	0.56
29-273	1.218		10/1/1917	29-11344	0	1		1905	1.34
29-2274A	7.11		12/31/1926	29-11348	0	2		1917	1.218
29-2274B	2.34		12/31/1930	29-2274	21	5	6/15/1948	1925	0.96
29-11343	2.2		12/31/1940		0			1926	9.13
29-11344	1.92		12/31/1942		0			1931	4.23
29-4221	2.67		6/1/1943		0			1936	2.45
29-2274C	5.04		6/15/1948	29-2324	3		10/22/1952	1940	10.34
29-11348	5.57		8/31/1951	29-2338	14.76	5	9/1/1953	1942	1.92
29-11342	1.11		7/24/1952	29-2382	0	3		1943	2.67
29-2324	3		10/22/1952	29-2401	12.13		10/16/1958	1948	9.69
29-11339	10.42		9/1/1953	29-2499	4.1		12/10/1964	1951	4.9
29-4224	3.89		9/15/1955	29-271	3.22		2/26/1869	1953	9.53
29-4226	1.22		10/1/1955	29-272	0.56		10/1/1901	1954	0.28
29-4225	4.44		8/15/1956	29-273	1.218		10/1/1917	Sep-55	3.89
29-2382	3.82		12/21/1956	29-4221	0	4		Oct-55	1.22
29-2401	12.13		10/16/1958	29-4222	0	4		Aug-56	4.44
29-4223	2.67		10/1/1962	29-4223	0	4		Dec-56	3.82
29-2499	4.1		12/10/1964	29-4224	0	4		1958	13.02
29-7106	5.57		11/6/1972	29-4225	0	4		1961	3.36
29-7118	4.01	1,114 AFY	4/11/1973	29-4226	0	4		1962	2.67
29-7119	6	1,200 AFY	4/11/1973	29-7106	5.57		11/6/1972	1964	4.1
29-7222	1		8/22/1974	29-7118	4.01		4/11/1973	1972	3.9
29-7322	17.07		4/25/1976	29-7119	6		4/11/1973	1973	10.01
29-7375	3.34		2/24/1977	29-7222	1		8/22/1974	1974	1
29-7431	9.28	3,108 AFY	12/29/1977	29-7322	17.07		4/25/1976	1976	17.07
29-7450	3.34		6/13/1978	29-7375	3.34	5	2/24/1977	Feb-77	2.23
29-7770	5.72	1,120 AFY	5/21/1984	29-7431	9.28		12/29/1977	Dec-77	9.28
29-2274	0			29-7450	3.34		6/13/1978	1978	3.34
29-2338	0			29-7770	4.46		5/21/1984	1979	0.1
								1984	4.46
								1985	7
SUM	140.978				114.058				164.348

Comments

- 1: Recommended as Right No. 29-2338
- 2: Recommended as Right No. 29-7106
- 3: Forfeited/abandoned due to no irrigation use at claimed POU from 1975-1989
- 4: No lawful appropriate shown
- 5: Instantaneous diversion limit of 39.1 cfs

1179 - included
Brief on City of
Pocatello - June 1944

The City of Pocatello Water Department is one business within the community which has a very large number of stockholders, you people. It's business life is unique in that it has no competition. But this does not mean that it should operate at will, but rather because of this unique position it must strive to furnish you people the highest type of product at the most reasonable cost and with the greatest amount of service possible. Unfortunately many people consider water to be a free blessing and do not fully appreciate the money value of the service rendered. There is an old story of the daily preacher who met with opposition when he asked for the collection. His audience protested that salvation was free, like water. "It is", replied the parson, "but you have to pay when we pipe it to you." Today it is necessary to do more than simply pipe water; we raise it to the necessary height for good pressure; treat it with chlorine for purity; and practically guarantee that it will always be there when needed.

The Water Department is a business having a gross income and expenditure of approximately \$175,000 to \$200,000 per year. It employs approximately 25 people regularly and during the heavy summer construction period may have as many as 50 to 60 on it's monthly payroll. It has reached this point through many years of constant growth parallel to the growing needs of the City of Pocatello.

The history of the Water Works began in the year 1891, when a reservoir was constructed on the west bench south of the City of Pocatello, and six miles of 12 inch pipe was laid from Gibson Jack Creek to the reservoir. This beginning was under the ownership of a private water corporation, with it's owner living in Butte, Montana. From this reservoir water was piped into the center of town and lateral lines laid to serve the then growing settlement. To assure adequate water the year around additional storage reservoirs were constructed in 1897 and 1905, and a 14 mile pipe lines laid to another source known as Mink Creek. Gibson Jack Creek and Mink Creek were for a good many years the only sources of water for the growing city of Pocatello. The private water corporation, after 1910, began to receive criticism through their inability to

furnish sufficient water to the city during the critical dry seasons of the year. At this time the city had grown to the point where many of the water lines that were laid in town were inadequate and the water sources did not supply the full amount of water to guarantee the proper quantity of domestic water. This problem was a great source of trouble between the private corporation and the people of Pocatello until 1916, when after negotiations for several years it was decided that the city would purchase the waterworks. Some years prior to this time the private water corporation had been further neglecting the waterworks by inadequately maintaining the system through lack of returning sufficient capital into the waterworks operation.

At the time the City took the system over it was felt that further development could be made on the creek supplies and improvement of the pipe system in town to meet the needs of the City. Much effort went into these improvements and a great deal was accomplished. However, in 1926 it was again nip and tuck to furnish enough water for the City and a move was taken on the east side of town through developing a piping system of ditch water which was carried to the city limits in open canals from the Fort Hall Irrigation District. This piping system was laid out to serve approximately one half of the east side of the city. It was hoped this move would lessen the demand on the domestic supply through its use by the people on the east side of town for irrigation and such. This helped somewhat, but in 1925 the city again suffered a shortage of water. It was decided to retain a consulting engineering firm to study and make a survey of the potentials of water to sufficiently meet the then needs of the city of Pocatello and also the needs for a good many years to come. This firm explored many possibilities, practically all of which were eliminated, either through the poor quality of the water or the great financial investment that would need to be made. However one bright spot did appear. It was felt that if the city would invest in the purchase of a well that sufficient underground water might be obtained to safeguard the city at that time.

Several well sites were selected, one to the south of the present city

cemetary, but mainly because of psychological reaction this site was abandoned and another chosen in the area now known as Ross Park. This proved to be an excellent move. The well was developed and added materially to the requirements. An 18" steel pipe line was laid for a distance of approximately two miles from this area to the existing water system of the city. Immediately it was decided to drill two additional wells in this area to insure against periods of handicapping the cities growth through an inadequate water supply.

In addition to the water needs of the City of Pocatello in the year (1923) there was another issue of concern to all the people and this was the problem of making a decision relative to chlorination of the water supply. Chlorination had been started in the United States about 1910 and it's record had shown up to the year 1925 that a great reduction in typhoid epidemics resulted in those areas where chlorination of the water supply was practiced. Pocatello had never had such an epidemic, however, the sanitary indications were, both through the testing of the water and the conditions surrounding the areas where the creek supplies were obtained, that through chlorination the City of Pocatello would be protecting itself against a potential threat of an epidemic. This step was taken, although a good many of the citizenry were opposed because of the unfavorable publicity of poison that chlorine had received during the First World War. The criticism given was entirely unwarranted as it was proven that there is no relation between the amount of chlorine used in warfare and the amount required to safeguard water. Since that year chlorination of all the city's water has been continuous and although there is still some occasional complaint relative to the need of such insurance, for the safety of the whole city it must be maintained. To assure that the chlorination program is sufficient the State Department of Health at least weekly runs a bacteriological check on the water. The amount of chlorine used is small (5 pounds of chlorine to 9 million pounds of water) compared to the safety benefits derived.

The three wells mentioned previously covered the water needs until 1930, when the growing maintenance on the 2 mile 18" steel line from the wells to the city became such a terrific problem, the repairing of which demanded a shut down of the pumps at the wells, thereby depriving the city of the needed water at very inconvenient times, it was decided to change the well site to an area immediately below the west bench south of the intersection of Idaho Street and South Grant. Here two wells were developed in 1931 and 1932 and two of the pumps from the Ross Park Area moved to operate in these wells. A 16" cast iron pipe line was laid directly up the hill from these wells to the equalizing or distributing reservoir. The third pump in the Ross Area proved to be very inefficient as far as use with the new well site and this pump was sold to the City of Idaho Falls. These two wells, along with the continued creek supplies adequately met the needs of the city at that time. In 1936 another well was developed at this site as the growing needs of the city demanded an additional amount of water. In 1940 still a fourth well in this area was needed. Well #5

The large development of the golf course and the park at Ross Park necessitated the purchase of another pump to reactivate one of the previously abandoned wells in this park for the sole purpose of irrigating the park and golf course. Each move of placing additional wells in operation was often a matter of closing the barn door after the horse was gone. That is, the demand had to be proven by inconvenience to the people of Pocatello through lack of water before approval could be obtained for additional wells. In 1947 the critical period was again reached and it was determined that additional wells must be developed. Inasmuch as the troublesome 18" steel line on the original well site had been replaced with long lasting 10" cast iron pipe in 1942 it was determined that another of the 3 original wells in the Ross Park Area could be utilized. This well was prepared and placed in operation in the spring of 1943. Well #6