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Subject: Case No. 39576, Subcase No. 29-2175

Dear Special Master Brigitte Bilyeu,

Doreen Curtis is out of the country serving a religious mission for her church, and will not return to the country until August of 2004. I am her son, and am taking care of issues on her behalf while she is away. After I spoke to you on the phone, problems came up at work, which made it impossible for me to attend the previous hearing.

My mother received information from IDWR/Snake River Basin, which was basically confirming her long-standing water rights that went with certain property she has owned for many years. She signed and returned the papers, and subsequently received a notice from D. Scott Crook objecting to her rights on behalf of certain parties. My mother has not used the water for many years as D. Scott Crook contests. Doreen Curtis does not wish to hire a lawyer to fight for these rights, and if the law states that lack of use constitutes a legitimate forfeiture of her rights, then she is willing to forfeit these rights.

However, if the court or D. Scott Crook intends to pursue attorneys costs and fees or other sanctions deemed appropriate, my mother will be forced to hire a lawyer to protect her interests and avoid paying fees simply for trying to maintain a water right that Snake River Basin claimed she was entitled to.

Please let me know of the courts intent, so I can secure legal council on behalf of my mother, if necessary. I will show up on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, but want to bring a lawyer to protect my mother, if needed. I do have a Durable Power of Attorney, to act on behalf of my mother. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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