

April 25, 1991

NOTICE OF CLAIM A25-10088

Peter J. Ricks, Jr.
1266 W. 2000 S.
Rexburg, ID 83440

RE: **Evidence of Priority**

Dear Mr. Ricks:

The Notice(s) of Claim identified with the number shown above you name has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA). The Notice(s) indicates the water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or a "Statutory Claim". Water rights of this type are established by the historical use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed, at or on the place of use identified on the Notice. The date the water was first put to use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a License, Decree, or Permit. For this reason, proof must be provided supporting the priority date.

For your reference I have provided a printout of your Notice(s) and the pamphlet entitled **"Evidence of Priority"**. The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement. While I encourage you to read all of the pamphlet, I direct your attention to the two sections entitled **"What Kind of Evidence is Required"** and **"Some Examples of Documents Which May Be Evidence of the Priority Date"**.

It is our goal to recommend this historical water rights within the Snake River Basin as accurately as possible. Field exams to verify other items of the Notice(s) have been or soon will be conducted by Department personnel. **But, the Department will not recommend the Notice(s) be decreed by the court if no evidence of a priority date is submitted.**

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Please submit the required evidence supporting the priority date(s) by **May 28, 1991**, referencing all documents with the corresponding Notice number(s). If you have any questions not covered by this letter or the enclosed pamphlet, please contact this office.

All Notices required to submit this evidence are currently being reviewed for recommendation to the court. Hence, the need for expediency on your part or your agency. every effort should be made to submit this information within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Carlsen
Water right Supervisor, Adjudication

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Enclosure: Brochure on "Evidence of Priority"
Proof Report

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