

AFFIDAVIT OF BLANCHE J. TAYLOR

STATE OF UTAH)
 : ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

BLANCHE J. TAYLOR, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:

1. I am eighty-five (85) years of age and am currently a resident of the City of Kearns, Salt Lake County, Utah.

2. In November 1944, my husband, Leavitt W. Taylor, and I, together with David A. Robinson and Brigham H. Robinson and their spouses, purchased from Max D. Cohn the Arimo Ranch (hereinafter the "Ranch") located near the Village of Arimo, Bannock County, Idaho. From August 1945 until June 1972, my husband and I lived upon the Ranch. During this time, I was intimately acquainted with the Ranch and helped with its agricultural operations, including the irrigation and cultivation of crops and pasture, management and breeding of livestock, etc.

3. Max D. Cohn was an acquaintance of mine for many years after we purchased the Ranch. We had a number of discussions regarding the history and development of the Ranch. According to my understanding and recollection of the history, Meyers Cohn first grew crops and livestock on the Ranch in the late 1860's.

4. I am acquainted with the following list of water rights claimed by the Arimo Corporation, their source and points of diversion, together with the proposed priority dates shown thereon: A29-04406, A29-04408, A29-04411, A29-04423, A29-04424 and A29-12055. The sources of water for these claims are a number of springs located on the Ranch. All of these springs were being diverted and put to beneficial use at the time that we purchased the Ranch in

November, 1944, in the manner and for the purposes indicated in the water right claims. They continued to be put to the same beneficial use from that time forward. In addition, from my discussions with Max Cohen and others regarding the history and development of the Ranch, it is my understanding and belief that Meyers Cohn likewise diverted the water from these same springs for irrigation and stockwater purposes when he first settled the Ranch.

5. The fact that these springs were important to Meyers Cohn's irrigation and livestock is shown by the fact that he located the Homestead Cabins Sites on the Ranch within a mile or so of these springs. I am also aware that Meyers Cohn was decreed a water right with a priority date of May 1, 1880, in certain water from Garden Creek (aka Gordon Creek) pursuant to the decision of the Idaho Supreme Court issued in October 1923. From my discussions with Max Cohn and others regarding the history of the Ranch, it is my understanding that Meyers Cohn diverted the water from the springs discussed in paragraph 4 to beneficial use for irrigation and stockwater prior to his diversion of the water from Garden Creek in 1880.

6. When we started living on the Ranch in August 1945, we moved into the existing Ranch house, which was built in 1917. This house was supplied with culinary water from a well located just to east of the house. This well is the source of the water claimed in water right claim number A29-11524. It's my understanding that this well was installed and put to beneficial use, including domestic use, at the same time that the house was constructed in 1917. We continued to divert and use the water from this well after we moved onto the Ranch.

7. I am also acquainted with the water right claim number A29-04422, its source and point of diversion, together with the proposed priority dates shown therein. The water claimed under that water right claim flows from a spring located in the northwestern-most area of the

Ranch. It is my understanding that Meyers Cohn first diverted the water from the spring for irrigation and stockwater uses in 1902 when he also began diverting certain other springs located in the same general vicinity. The water from the spring now claimed under claim number A29-04422 was being put to beneficial use for irrigation and stockwater while we lived on and operated the Ranch.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2002.

*- 85 yrs. old
1917 (Birth Date)*

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of November, 2002.

Deanna L. Stookey
Notary Public

