

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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September 23, 2005

IDWR Regional Office
900 N Skyline Dr Ste A
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

RE: Preliminary Recommendation of Water Rights

To Whom It May Concern:

I have enclosed our replies to the "Preliminary Recommendation of Water Rights Acquired under State Law", which your office sent to the Church. We agree with all of the proposed recommendation, except the name. The legal name of the entity which owns property, including water rights, for the Church is "Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a Utah corporation sole". If you need to abbreviate the name, we request that you use "Corp. Pres. Bishop of LDS Church".

Please contact me at (801) 240-4656 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Roy B. McDaniel

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Department of Water Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Peppersack, Don Shaff and Mark Slifka
FROM: Steve Lester 
DATE: April 22, 2004
RE: Contact Table Update for LDS Church Records

Attached is my letter to the Church and its reply regarding simplification of an expanding list of contacts for Church records maintained by IDWR. We needed some direction to avoid overly long and numerous names for this entity. We need an updated data entry standard for this entity, something that does not introduce printing or correspondence problems due to too many characters in the name.

The Church replied with its preferred contact information. It looks workable. The official name of record would be the long version noted in the Church reply of April 14. IDWR could abbreviate the long name in data entry with a shorter name suggested in that letter.

We will probably continue to get Church filings of various sorts with names and addresses all over the map (local name and/or address, for example). Perhaps we can adopt a new data entry standard for all IDWR records – past, present and future – associated with the Church. An updated standard should cover the following thoughts:

1. Recognize the official name listed in the April 14 letter.
2. Adopt the suggested abbreviated name for data entry convenience, and use the address and telephone number also noted by that letter.
3. Add a local stake or ward etc. qualifier, if provided, to Comments, Remarks or Conditions. Do not add the qualifier to the name/address portion of the database since this will create lots of new records, defeating the purpose of streamlining. Additionally, the Church requested that correspondence to the central address not include a local qualifier. If qualifiers were included in the name/address entry, any correspondence generated from the database would require manual editing to remove the qualifier – again, defeating the purpose of streamlining.
4. If a name and/or address other than above are used in a new filing submitted to IDWR, use the new data entry standard. Do not add the new local name/address to the contact table or to the filing with a “yes” flag for correspondence since that adds even more records to the contact table. Instead, inform the local contact that

the Church has directed us to use a single name/address but that we would include local qualifiers in our records for future reference.

Something along these lines will improve the contact table, provide a clear data entry standard, simplify correspondence with the Church, avoid problems of an unwieldy name and make our data more transparent. I assume we could change all our existing records based on interpreting this as a simple name/address update, not a change in ownership. Some obvious programming and manual editing (relocating local qualifier from name tab to Comments, Remarks or Conditions tab) of the database would be involved. But we would save lots of effort in the long run.

I am sending this to Jeff for his coordination with Don and Mark. Please talk it over and see if this, or something similar, is sufficient for implementing. If implemented, the data entry standard could be announced and posted to the appropriate WENET spot once data cleanup was completed. The Church could be notified after we made the changes.

I do not know if we should include Receipts data in this exercise. Maybe Debbie Allen has some thoughts on that. Let me know if you need me to do anything in this regard. Thanks for your consideration of this idea.

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April 14, 2004

MR. STEVE LESTER
STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
2735 AIRPORT WAY
BOISE, IDAHO 83750-5082

Re: Name and Address for Church Water Rights and Associated Records

Dear Mr. Lester:

Last February you wrote to us seeking clarification for Church water rights administered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). The letter stated that IDWR maintains hundreds of records for the Church under a variety of names and addresses, which leads to confusion and added work for IDWR. You requested that the Church provide a standard name, address, and telephone number for your database.

Church water right documents should be recorded using the name "Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a Utah Corporation sole." Because this name is too long for your database we request that you use the following information:

Name: Corp. Pres. Bishop LDS Church

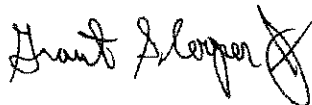
Address: Natural Resource Services
50 East North Temple Street, FL 12
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-6321

Telephone: (801) 240-4074

Your letter stated that if a local stake, ward, or farm/ranch name has been provided to IDWR that it can be entered into the database. This will greatly assist us. In order to ensure the proper delivery of mail to us, please include the name and address shown above, **without the qualifying local name**, on the envelope of any correspondence sent to us.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. We believe that this will benefit both IDWR and the Church.

Sincerely,



Grant S. Cooper, Jr.
Water Resources Manager
Natural Resource Services

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State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Director

February 9, 2004

CORP PRESIDING BISHOP OF CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS A UTAH CORP
NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
50 EAST NORTH TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84150-6321

Re: Name and Address for Church Water Rights and Associated Records

Dear Sir:

I am writing to seek clarification for Church properties in Idaho covered by water rights and/or other items administered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). IDWR uses a computerized database table for names and addresses. One purpose of the table is to avoid duplicated, similar or outdated names/addresses in the IDWR database. Additionally, it costs less and otherwise promotes efficiency with a single name/address for a given owner instead of using and/or creating more versions.

The IDWR Western Region office is now processing three water right filings submitted by the Church. Names and/or addresses differ in all three cases as noted below. These differences might simply reflect different divisions of the same ownership entity or might signify real and legal ownership differences necessary for Church property operations.

The Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a
Utah Corporation Sole
Natural Resources Office
50 East North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84150-6321
(801-240-4657)

Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
139 E. South Temple, Suite 110
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-1103
(801-359-1600)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Real Estate Services Div., 12th Floor
50 E. North Temple St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801-240-3840)

February 9, 2004

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IDWR maintains over two hundred (200) records for the Church under the name "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." A stake or ward qualifier is included, if known, on the line following the name. A variety of different addresses are found in IDWR's database for this name: several Salt Lake City addresses and a host of local Idaho addresses for specific churches and/or Church related property. IDWR has a few records with miscellaneous other names for Church properties, e.g., LDS Church.

Additionally, the Church's corporation is identified with the Idaho Secretary of State Business Entity register under the name "Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints."

All of this leads to some confusion plus added data entry work for IDWR as you can imagine. It might be worth changing all existing IDWR records to a single name, address and telephone number for the Church. On the other hand, perhaps local Churches wish to be in direct contact with IDWR instead of having all IDWR correspondence sent to a central Salt Lake City location. Perhaps different types of Church properties need different names and addresses – one for churches per se, one for farms/ranches and so forth.

In any event, some degree of name, address and telephone number clarification would be helpful. IDWR must also consider the practical application of overly long names in its database. For example, a database entry of "Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" might cause problems in automated letter generation or computer report printing given the number of characters in the name. Different entity names for the same owner mask the data instead of making it more transparent, leading to obvious problems.

Two solutions for this problem are offered for your consideration on the enclosed form. Please indicate your preference between them. Alternately, you might have a better idea that would still promote the goal of streamlining IDWR data entry, making data more transparent, and saving time and money in the process. IDWR will update its existing records and have a clearer standard for future records based on your response.

Please contact me at your convenience if you would like to discuss this in more detail. Copies of this letter are being provided to the other two Church names/addresses previously noted in this letter. Your reply within thirty (30) days will be appreciated. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

CC See above

**NAME/ADDRESS CHANGE IN IDWR RECORDS FOR
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

The Church owns numerous Idaho properties with associated water rights, adjudication claims, well drilling records and so forth. These records are maintained in the IDWR database. The Church requests one of the following methods for IDWR to data enter previous, existing and future IDWR records for Idaho property owned by the Church.

_____ **Option 1** - The Church requests that all of its previous, existing and future IDWR records be entered in the IDWR database under a single ownership name, address, and telephone number as follows:

Name Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Qualifier A stake, ward or farm/ranch qualifying name, if applicable and if identified to IDWR, will be data entered between the name and address

Address (to be completed by the Church upon submittal of this form)

Telephone (to be completed by the Church upon submittal of this form)

_____ **Option 2** -The Church requests that all of its previous, existing and future IDWR records be entered in the IDWR database under a single ownership name as follows:

Name Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Qualifier A stake, ward or farm/ranch qualifying name, if applicable and if identified to IDWR, will be data entered between the name and address

Address and Telephone See next paragraph.

The address and telephone number for a given record will remain as previously received by IDWR or as received in the future by IDWR. There will not be a single common address and telephone number for multiple IDWR records related to multiple Church properties.

Under either option selected, IDWR will data enter any version of a Church name as described above to promote database efficiency. This single-entry convenience is just that: something to make the IDWR database more functional. Nothing else is implied or conveyed by this IDWR convenience.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____