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Water Right 2-41

Claimed a priority date of 04/01/1955

IDWR recommended a priority date of 05/19/1971

This right is used for irrigation at the Bliss Power Plant Park. Figure 1 shows the facility soon after the completion of construction in 1950. The exact date of the photograph is unknown. Those areas around the homes are shown as irrigated and no large trees are seen in any of the yards or park areas.



Figure 1: Photo of the Bliss Power Plant. The date of the photograph is unknown but it thought to have been taken soon after construction was completed in 1950.

Figure 2 is an aerial photograph of the facility and is dated 6-16-1967. Large trees are evident in the lawn and park area. These large trees are an indication that irrigation began a number of years prior to 1967. It is difficult to determine the age of these trees but Figure 3, dated 12-8-1970 shows the size of a tree in the park. The size of the tree indicates the presence of irrigation for a significant period of time.

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Figure 2: Aerial photograph of the Bliss project dated 6-16-1967. Note the presences of tree in the park and around the homes.



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Figure 3: Front and back of photo dated 18-8-1970 showing large trees in the Bliss park.

Based on the photographic evidence it appears that irrigation occurred in the park area at least prior to 1967. Additionally, the size of the trees shown in Figure 3 is an indication that irrigation must have occurred many years prior to the date (12-8-1970) of the photo. This does help establish the priority date of 1955 claimed by Idaho Power.