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August 10, 2011

Idaho Dept of Water Resources
7600 Mineral Drive, Ste 100
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

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AUG 11 2011

Re: Water Rights 95-9944

IDWR/NORTHERN

Dear Mr. Knoblock,

Please be advised that I the undersigned am a member of the Trinity Water Users Association and I am one of the legitimate members on this well. I have been on this well since May 14, 1993. At which time Russell Water Association was formed a year prior to collect money to maintain the electricity supposedly. It looked like Russell Water Association was just an attempt to get control and ownership of the well from Vernon Jerry Mortensen and he used the water funds for his own gain. Russell Water Association was using member's monies to take the well away from Vernon Jerry Mortensen with **no success**. He's trying to do the same today.

Bill Russell never owned Russell Water Association. Our road at one time was named Russell Road so therefore became the name of Russell Water Association. Bill Russell was a voted in as President, but because his last name is Russell he tells people that he owns the well which is a false statement.

Russell Water Association has been defunct since January, 1996. Please see the letter attached from Kit Russell, Bill Russell's wife dated January 20, 1996 where the checking account was closed. Russell can not show proof that he owns Russell Water Association. The documents originally signed for Russell Water Association for the Idaho Department of Water Resources were signed by Don Macdonald not Bill Russell.

I understand that Russell Water Association filed a claim for the water rights on March 24, 2011. **He's filing a claim for a defunct association and should not be allowed to be a candidate for the water rights.**

Please issue the water rights to Trinity Well Users Association, LTD and not to a defunct entity, Russell Water Association.

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Letter to Ken Knoblock

State of Idaho Water Resource Dept.

August 10, 2011

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Gifford

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Gifford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a distinct "G".

Kit Russell
N. 31500 Hwy. 95
Athol, ID 83801

January 20, 1996

Russell Water Assoc. Members
Athol, ID 83801

Dear members,

I have closed out the Russell Water Association checking account and sent the funds, in the amount of \$241.47, to Jerry Mortenson. Attached is a copy of the letter I mailed to him. Also attached is a closing statement of your account balance as of the end of September, 1995. If the statement is incorrect, please contact me so that I can get it straightened out.

Sincerely,

Kit Russell

cc: Kimberly Batalia
Tom Chew
Bob Gifford & Becky Wilkerson
Clark Huppert
George & Dora Huppert
Jim & Karen Jensen
Russ Manchester
Managers, Farragut Mini Storage

Karen Jensen
P. O. Box 943
Athol, Id 83801

May 1, 2011

Ken Knoblock
State of Idaho
Water Resource Dept.
7600 N Mineral Dr., Ste 100
Coeur d'Alene, ID

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AUG 11 2011

IDWR/NORTHERN

Re: Water Rights

Dear Mr. Knoblock,

I am a member of the Trinity Water Users Association and I am 1 of the 9 legitimate members using water located at the Well located at Highway 95 and Trinity Lane. At one time I was a member of the Russell Water Association which has been defunct since **January, 1996.** Please see the letter attached from Kit Russell, Bill Russell's wife, dated January 20, 1996 where the checking account was closed. Also, please note that Jerry Mortensen owned the well at that time which is referenced in the letter.

Russell Water Association was only an association collecting funds to pay for power used for said well. The water pump at the well site generated the invoice from Northern Lights which had to be paid and Jerry Mortensen, owner of the well, was not paying this invoice. **Bill Russell never owned Russell Water Association. He was only a voted in President and he cannot provide proof of ownership of Russell Water Assn.**

I understand that Russell Water Association filed a claim for the water rights on March 24, 2011. He does not have any properties under this association and hasn't had since 1996 at which time he disconnected from Mortensen's well (which now legally belongs to Trinity Well Users Assn.) and Russell took 3 water hook ups with Gridley's well.

The property owners that once were with Russell Water Association have been for 8 years under Trinity Well Users Assn. ~~Bill Russell is trying to come in the back door so to speak since Gridley cut off water to him for non-payment. Without any approval from the well owner, Russell has hooked back up illegally. Trinity Well Users can only have 9 water users and can't handle his 3 separate families/single family dwellings and his commercial building.~~

For years, Bill Russell has tried to threaten, coerce and made false statements to get the well in his name. The well in question is owned by Trinity Well Users Assn.

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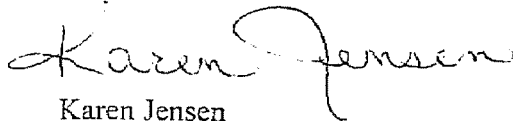
Letter dated May 1, 2011

Ken Knoblock

I ask that you deny his water rights claim and issue it under Trinity Well Users Assn. that was filed June, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Jensen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karen Jensen

208-683-3557

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N. 31500 Hwy. 95
Athol, ID 83801

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