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Letter from B.E. Stoutemyer, District Counsel,
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, to R.W. Faris,
Idaho State Commissioner of Reclamation
(Jun. 21, 1937)

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EXHIBIT 13

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation

603 Post Office Building
Portland, Oregon
June 21, 1937
STATE OF IDAHO
COUNTY OF ADA

SS.
I, JOHN BASTIDA, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
COUNTY OF ADA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREIN SET MY HAND AND
FIXED MY OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 21 DAY OF JUNE, 1937
JOHN BASTIDA, CLERK

Mr. R. W. Faris,
State Commissioner of Reclamation
Boise, Idaho.

My dear Mr. Faris:

In letter under date of June 18, 1937 (copy of which is enclosed), Mr. Lynn Grandall, District Engineer of the Geological Survey and Watermaster in charge of District No. 36, has called our attention to two printed notices which are now being published, giving notice of proof of completion of works and application of water to beneficial use by the Idaho Power Company.

The first of these notices is for 300 c.f. per second of the waters of Snake River under Permit 18107. The place where water is used is designated as Lower Salmon Falls, Gooding County. This proof, it is stated in the notice, is to be made at 11 o'clock a.m. on June 29 at Boise, Idaho, before M. E. Hughes, notary public, at 1220 Idaho Street.

The second notice is for 1500 c.f. per second of the waters of Snake River under Permit 17070. The place where this water is used is designated as "at the Twin Falls Power Station in Lot 3 of Section 4, in Township 10 South of Range 18 East B. M., in Twin Falls County, Idaho". The date of priority claimed in connection with this right at the Twin Falls power plant is referred to as April 2, 1929.

In this connection we wish to call attention to the fact that both of these power developments of the Idaho Power Company are located in whole or in part on public lands and that the license issued by the Federal Power Commission in connection with the Twin Falls Power Plant of the Idaho Power Company contains, among other things, the following stipulation and agreement, which is set out as article 14, of the license issued by the Federal Power Commission to the Company:

"Article 14. As a condition of this license, the Licensee, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby stipulates and agrees that all rights to the use of water for power purposes heretofore or hereafter acquired for the development of power at the site of this project shall be held and considered at all times to be subject, inferior, and subordinate to all rights, heretofore or hereafter acquired by the United States or other parties for irrigation purposes, except (a) the right to use for power development at this project the water from the 45,000 acre feet of primary storage capacity which the Licensee holds in American Falls

Reservoir under paragraph 16 of that certain contract between the United States of America and Idaho Power Company, dated June 15, 1923, and the discharge of which it may control under the terms of said contract; (b) the right to use for power development at this project the seepage, percolation, drainage, spring or springs, waste, and/or other influent waters which do not flow or spill over Milner Dam but which enter in, arise in, and flow in and along the channel of Snake River between the down-stream toe of Milner Dam in Snake River, Idaho, and the site of the project covered by this license. Licensee further agrees, for itself, its successors and assigns, to forego any and all claims which it might otherwise have for damages or other relief, in connection with any power rights at the site of this project, other than those mentioned in (a) and (b) above and which are necessary for irrigation purposes, and it is actually agreed by the parties hereto that this license neither expressly nor impliedly has modified, relinquished, abandoned, or surrendered, nor does hereby modify, relinquish, abandon, or surrender any of the Licensee's rights and privileges under said contract of June 15, 1923, or any of its rights and privileges heretofore or hereafter acquired to the use of water or waters for power purposes at any other point or points.

This stipulation and agreement shall be considered as a covenant running with the title to the said power plant at Twin Falls, and all rights in connection therewith, and the Licensee agrees to execute and acknowledge under authority of a suitable resolution of its board of directors, a recordable contract or deed embodying the provisions, conditions, and limitations set out in the foregoing stipulation and agreement, so that the same may be recorded in the counties in which said power sites are located.

This stipulation shall be effective to bind the Licensee and its successors and assigns, without signature or execution by or on behalf of the United States, and shall become effective for such purposes upon the execution of the license."

When the license in question was under consideration, we insisted on the above quoted stipulation for the protection of the present and future irrigators of the Snake River Valley. It seems to us that it would be contrary to sound public policy to allow any additional power rights to attach for use in the Snake River Canyon to such an extent as would require the waste of water over Milner Dam, since all the water available in Snake River above the Milner Dam is needed for irrigation purposes even at the present time (especially so in low water years when there have been serious water shortages even for the lands now under irrigation) and with increasing irrigation requirements, and construction of additional reservoirs to store flood water and to carry over excess water of high water years for use in low water years, the need to conserve all the available water above Milner Dam for irrigation purposes will become more and more evident as the years go on. On the other hand there are many places in the State of Idaho where additional power can be developed without infringing on the water supply that is needed for irrigation purposes.

It seems to us that any license or certificate issued by the State should contain limitations similar to those imposed by the Federal Power Commission and as the company has expressly agreed to such limitations in its license from the Federal Power Commission, it should not object to having a similar limitation inserted in any license or certificate issued by the State.

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IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF
PARAGRAPH XX DEFENDANTS FOR

It is noticed that the date of priority claimed for the 1500 second feet at Twin Falls is earlier than the date of priority secured for the water filings for the Island Park Reservoir, now approaching completion on the North Fork of Snake River, and also prior to the permit issued by the State Engineer of Wyoming for the small reservoir at Grassy Lake, both of which reservoirs are highly important to the people on the North Fork of Snake River and in the Teton Valley. Attention is also called to the fact that for several years past the people in the Upper Snake River Valley have been urging the government to construct another reservoir on the South Fork of Snake River. Any additional power rights which would require the waste of water over Milner Dam would conflict with both of these propositions and any other reservoirs which may be built in future years to conserve water for irrigation purposes in the Snake River Valley above the Milner Dam.

It may be that by means of the stipulation already inserted in the license issued by the Federal Power Commission that we may be able to protect the water users of the Snake River against any claim of the power company for additional water over Milner Dam but I think that the water users of the Snake River Valley should also have the additional protection of a similar provision in any license or certificate issued by the State Engineer, at least to the extent of recital in such certificate or license of the limitations which have been imposed by the Federal Power Commission and which have been agreed to by the company.

Another thing which I think we should all keep in mind with reference to any future applications for power rights at sites where no irrigation benefits will accrue from the proposed development is this. It will probably be found that in most cases future irrigation developments in southern Idaho, particularly large and expensive reservoirs, will be so costly that it will be essential to the feasibility of the project that a very substantial part of the cost be paid out of power revenues secured as incidental to the construction of the irrigation works. As the power market in southern Idaho is a very limited one and all the growth in such market that is likely to occur during this generation might very well be supplied from the power which may be developed in connection with and incidental to the proposed irrigation developments, the sale of which would be essential to the feasibility of the irrigation project, I believe that no more power permits should be issued at sites in southern Idaho where there are no irrigation benefits to be derived, until we can ascertain whether the available market likely to be developed in the near future cannot be fully supplied from the power to be developed in connection with irrigation works.

Very truly yours,

/s/ B. E. STOUTEMYER
District Counsel

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cc - Mr. Grandall

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Portland, Oregon
June 21, 1937

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