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Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:15 PM
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Subject: Claim for Water Right # 95-4088
Attachments: RossPointLetter.pdf; Post Falls Irr Tracts Plat.TIF; Articles of Incorporation of Ross Point Water Association (2).pdf; A Study of the Domestic Water System of the Ross Point Water Association (2).pdf; A Study of the Domestic Water System 1972 (2).pdf

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Evan,

Pursuant to the attached letter, we would like to provide the attached documentation for the well in question. First though, a little history:

In 1910, the Post Falls Irrigated Tracts was platted (see attached plat) and with it the Post Falls Irrigation Company was born. The Post Falls Irrigation Company supplied both domestic and irrigation water to the properties within the plat. Irrigation water was supplied by the River and Domestic Water was supplied by a hand dug domestic well located on Tract 16 of that plat. The original well pump was an old "pumpjack" style pump that supplied water to a small reservoir that supplied water to a reservoir located on the Highlands as well as water for steam locomotives on the Fort Sherman Branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad. T

In 1944, the Post Falls Irrigation Company split, creating the Ross Point Water Association and charging it with the ownership and operation of the domestic water system. I've included the original articles of incorporation.

According to the District Manager, Dan Selden, the original well pump was replaced by 30 horsepower line shaft turbine pump in the 1950s, and supplemented by a 20 horsepower submersible pump shortly before he went to work for the district in 1962. The well pump was upgraded to a single 75 hp pump in 1972 (see attached engineering report) and again referenced in the attached 1978 report. That pump remained in service until the well was decommissioned approximately 5 years ago due to concerns with it's proximity to the freeway off ramp and the fact that over the lifespan of the well, the well house had been hit by vehicles several times.

Best Regards,

Ray Kimball, P.E.
District Engineer

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RE: Evidence of priority date for Claim 95-4088

Dear Claimant,

The Department of Water Resources has received your Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) water right claim. We are unable to recommend your adjudication claim at this time for the following reason:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for municipal use of groundwater with a claimed priority date of June 1, 1912. There was no evidence provided to support this priority date and prove the beneficial use of that water for municipal purposes within the claimed place of use. The statutory water right claim that your current claim is based upon is insufficient to serve as evidence of beneficial use as it was never proved up on, nor was a field examination ever performed on the property. We will move forward with the recommendation of your CSRBA Water Right claim once provided sufficient evidence to verify the beneficial use of this water source for domestic and municipal purposes within the claimed place of use beginning on or before the priority date claimed. Please submit the required evidence within 30 days, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number.

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim disallowed if no further evidence is submitted. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Best Regards,

Evan W. Roda
Senior Water Resource Agent
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