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State of Idaho Department of Water Resource

7600 N. Mineral Drive Coeur d Alene, ID 83815

RE: Spokane River Basin Adjudication CLAIM # 95-4408

Dear Dept of Water Resources,

My husband and I previously owned the property of 10176 N. Meyer Road Rathdrum.

The Parcel number is 51N04W175640. My husband and I owned the property from 1965-2000. In 2000, I sold the property to my daughter and her husband, Donna and Ryan Hassan. They asked me if I would write an affidavit to attest to the history of our well irrigation practices while we owned the property.

When we purchased the property there was an established well. We used the well for irrigation and domestic usage. We had a large family and irrigated a very large garden and orchard. We also raised fruits and vegetables to sell in the summer months and irrigation was very much needed to do so. We also watered to keep a fire break around the property.

My husband and I filed on the water rights in approx. 1979. At the time we filed, I sent in some witness affidavits on the original existence of the well. The well on this property was one of the first established wells on the Rathdrum prairie. The property was originally owned by James Jasper Feely. He built a homestead in 1905. One of the witnesses who gave an affidavit lived on the property as a teenager knew of the original establishment of the well. James Feely was a farmer and from historical accounts, show James Feely used the well for domestic and irrigation purposes.

We purchased the property in 1965 and we originally irrigated the property with aluminum above ground irrigation pipes.

In 1969, my husband, Earl Hanks, replaced the aluminum water pipes with underground galvanized pipe for irrigation. These underground lines originated from the pump house. One irrigation line ran down the center of the property to the north. It ended approximately 10 feet

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from the north end of property line. He added plastic PVC pipes that ran off this main system to water east and west fields on that north end. Another underground irrigation pipe ran to the east property line to the property fence. The pipe continued to take a 90 degree turn southward parallel to the property fence and stopped at approx. 100 feet. This east-south pipeline watered the orchard that still exists. Plastic PVC were added to the underground pipelines to water the north, south and west property. Another underground irrigation pipeline runs to the west of the property from the pump house. The pipeline runs under the driveway and ends at approx. 150 feet from the pump house. Has a water spigot at the end. Water hoses are used to water the west of the property to maintain the lawns and trees around the house. We also watered with hoses to the south of the pump house from a water spigot that was located on the outside of the pump house.

Since 2000, I have visited my daughter and son-in-law in the summer and I can attest they were still using the old underground pipeline setup to irrigate. Presently, the old orchard and lawns still exist. My son-in-law has extended more lawns outward and added more trees on the property that are still being maintained by the old irrigation setup my husband had installed many years ago.

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12' 12'

Approx 300' x 600'

Black lines are Galvanized Pipe (underground)
Blue lines are Black PVC Pipe (above ground)
Blue squiggly lines are garden hoses
Little pink dots are water outlets to include Sprinkler Heads



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