



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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April 6, 2022

RLR PROPERTIES, LLC
1120 LITTLE BEAR RIDGE RD
KENDRICK, ID 83537

LATAH COUNTY
PO BOX 8068
MOSCOW, ID 83843

RE: Application for Permit No. 86-12144

Dear Parties:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a protest filed against Application for Permit No. 86-12144. The following options are available for the resolution of protested applications:

- Direct contact between the parties to determine the nature of the protest(s) and to attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).
- Discussions at an informal settlement conference between Department staff, the applicant(s), and the protestant(s). The enclosed document summarizes the informal settlement conference purpose and procedure.
- Formal proceedings administered by the Department after the informal settlement conference. If formal proceedings are necessary, the Department will schedule a prehearing conference to begin the process.

Please consider the best option(s) for resolution of the protested application.

Meanwhile, the Department will schedule an informal settlement conference pursuant to the Department's Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01). **Please notify the Department within 14 days of any dates you are UNAVAILABLE to participate in an informal settlement conference in the next three months (Calendars included).** You may provide unavailable dates via mail or via email to the email address below. If you do not notify the Department of unavailable dates, the Department will assume you are available for the informal settlement conference on any date selected. The Department may schedule the informal settlement conference as a conference phone call or in-person. The Department will send notice of the informal settlement conference once it is scheduled.

You may contact this office if you have any questions regarding the procedure discussed in this letter or additional information regarding the application, protest, water rights, and other matters administered by the Department is available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



Tammy Alleman
Administrative Assistant
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(208) 762-2800

Enclosure(s): Informal Settlement Conference Procedure
Notice of Protest
Availability Calendars
Consent to Email Service

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STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PROTEST

This form may be used to file a protest with the department under sections 42-108B, 42-203A, 42-203C, 42-211, and 42-222, Idaho Code. The department will also accept a timely protest not completed on this form if it contains the same information.

1. Matter being protested 86-12144 RLR Properties
2. Name of protestant Latah County Board of Commissioners
3. Protestant's Representative for service (If different than protestant)

4. Service mailing address PO Box 8068 Moscow, ID 83843
5. Service telephone no. 208-883-7208 Email Address: bocc@latah.id.us
6. Basis of protest (including statement of facts and law upon which the protest is based)

(additional pages may be attached to describe nature of the protest)

7. What would resolve your protest? Adjustment of the amount to .02 cfs

I hereby, acknowledge that if I, or my designated representative, fails to appear at any regularly scheduled conference or hearing in the matter of which I have been notified at the address above, the department may issue a notice of proposed default against me in this matter for failure to appear. I also verify that I have served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Signed this 14 day of March, 2022.

Kathie Lafuture
Protestant

Protestant's Representative

NOTE:

A protestant is required to timely file a protest with the department together with a \$25.00 protest fee for each application being protested in order for the protestant to be considered a full party by the department. In addition, the department's Rule of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01203, requires a protestant to send a copy of a protest to the applicant.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The matter being protested must be clearly identified. A typical matter is identified by the application number such as "Application for Permit No. _____ in the name of _____" or "Application for Transfer No. _____ in the name of _____."
 2. Show the name of the protestant. Only one (1) protestant may be shown per protest form. If this protest form is signed by more than one person, the hearing officer will consider the first signer as the official protestant and the representative for service of documents.
 3. If the protestant is represented by an attorney or other authorized representative, show the representative's name. The department then will serve documents on the representative and upon the protestant if specifically requested.
 4. Show the address where the department is to serve the documents. This should be the address of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a representative.
 5. Show the telephone number of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a service representative.
 6. Specifically describe the nature of the protest.
 7. Describe the relief being sought by the protestant.
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FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Received by _____ Date _____ Time 1:21 pm
\$25.00 fee Receipted by NS # N038631 Date 3/16/22

INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROCEDURE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

ISSUES

Applications to appropriate the water of the state of Idaho are referred to as applications for permit and are for the development of new water rights. Section 42-203A, Idaho Code, requires the Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) to consider the following issues in connection with an application for permit:

1. Will the proposed appropriation reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the water supply sufficient for the purpose for which it is sought to be appropriated?
3. Was the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Does the applicant have sufficient financial resources with which to complete the proposed project?
5. Will the proposed use conflict with the local public interest, where local public interest is defined as interests that the people in the area directly affected by a proposed water use have in the effects of such use on the public water resource?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?
7. Will the proposed use adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or local area within which the source of water for the proposed use originates, in the case where the place of use is outside of the watershed or local area where the source of water originates?

BURDEN OF PROOF

The applicant has the initial burden of proof for issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 above and must provide evidence for the Department to evaluate these criteria.

The initial burden of proof on issue 5 lies with both the applicant and protestant as to factors of which they are most knowledgeable and cognizant. The applicant has the ultimate burden of persuasion, however, for all of these issues.

PROCEDURE

The Department generally conducts an informal settlement conference with the parties to determine the issues and to try to settle a protested matter before the formal hearing process starts. The formal hearing process commences with a prehearing conference, which may require parties to be represented by an attorney.

INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

The purpose of an informal settlement conference is to provide the opportunity for the parties and the Department to familiarize themselves with a protested matter and to attempt to resolve the matter. At the conference, the Department and the parties will discuss the application and protests, explore settlement options, discuss additional informational needs, evaluate the need for additional informal proceedings or alternative dispute resolution options such as mediation, and discuss the commencement of formal proceedings. When attending the conference, please bring a calendar with your schedule for the next two–six month period from the date of the informal settlement conference for the purpose of scheduling follow-up conferences, if needed.

HEARING

If the parties do not resolve the matter at the informal settlement conference, a formal hearing process may be commenced according to Sections 42-1701A(1) and (2), Idaho Code and the Department's Rules of Procedure. Copies of Idaho Code and the Department's rules are available upon request or by accessing the Department's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov. The Department records formal hearings, and copies of a hearing recording are available upon request. There may be a charge for reproducing the recording.

If necessary, the hearing will likely be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Director rather than by the Director himself. The hearing officer will be designated in a notice of prehearing conference that commences the formal hearing process.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Any scheduled conferences or hearing will be conducted in a facility which meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in or understand the hearing, please notify the Department no later than ten (10) days prior to the conference or hearing.

Name: RLR PROPERTIES LLC

"X" = UnAvailable

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CONSENT TO EMAIL SERVICE

Water Right Application for Permit/Transfer No. 86-12144

As provided in IDAPA 37.01.01.053.02 and .03, I consent to service of documents, including notices and orders, by email in this contested case as an alternative to service by mail or personal service at the following email address:

Email Address

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Relationship to Party

Party Name

For IDWR Office Use Only

Received By _____ Date _____ Updated By _____ Date _____