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Subject: Application for Transfer 82746 (Idaho Water Company)

Kevin,

Application for Transfer 82746 was filed by Idaho Water Company on September 21, 2018. The application proposes to move 471.5 acre-feet of ground water right 29-7006 from its current location in Marsh Valley to the Great Western Malting Company in Pocatello. The application was protested by a group of canal companies and irrigation districts commonly referred to as the Surface Water Coalition. On December 14, 2018, Great Western Malting Company filed a petition to intervene in the contested case in support of the application.

On November 26, 2018, Jennifer Sukow, a professional geologist in IDWR's hydrology section, completed a memo evaluating the hydrologic effects of the proposed change. She identified a number of concerns with the hydrology analysis provided by Idaho Water Company. In 2019, Idaho Water Company met with Jennifer a couple of times to better understand her concerns. Idaho Water Company asked the Department to hold off on scheduling a pre-hearing conference for the contested case to allow the company time to evaluate its options.

This application is now one of the oldest pending transfer applications in our area. I would like to bring this application to a final resolution. This can be accomplished by (1) withdrawing the application, (2) finding a resolution of the issues of protest and addressing the concerns of the IDWR hydrology section, or (3) conducting an administrative hearing. Please let me know how you would like to proceed. If you would like to proceed to an administrative hearing, we will try to hold a pre-hearing conference sometime in October.

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