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June 1, 2020

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RE: Application for Permit 11-7863

Dear Parties:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of protest(s) against the above referenced application from the following:

- PACIFICORP
- BEAR LAKE WATCH

A representative from the Department will contact you in the coming weeks to find availability dates for a pre-hearing conference. The parties are encouraged to discuss the protest(s) prior to the pre-hearing conference to see if the issues of protest can be resolved prior to the conference. The attached document summarizes the procedure used to address a contested application for permit. Please feel free to contact our office if you have questions about the procedures described in this letter.

Additional information about water rights and other Department matters is available on the Department's website: [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

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Christina Henman  
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Protests

## **PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND/OR HEARING 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 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, if applicable, 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 these issues.

### **PROCEDURE**

The department generally conducts an informal conference with the parties to determine the issues and to try to settle a protested matter before a hearing is scheduled. If a hearing is held, the department will issue a written decision based on the hearing record.

## **CONFERENCE**

The purpose of a pre-hearing conference is to provide the opportunity for the parties and the department to familiarize themselves with a contested matter and to attempt to resolve the matter. At the conference, the department may also formulate and simplify the issues to avoid unnecessary proof, identify documents, schedule discovery, exchange proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limit witnesses, discuss settlement or make settlement offers, schedule hearings, establish procedure at hearing, and address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding or its settlement. When attending the conference, please bring a calendar with your schedule for the next two–six month period from the date of the pre-hearing conference for the purpose of scheduling a hearing. Parties will be expected to discuss their availability at the prehearing conference for the purpose of scheduling the hearing.

## **HEARING**

A hearing may be conducted 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](http://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.

The hearing will likely be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Director rather than by the Director himself. If so, the hearing officer will prepare a recommended or preliminary order. Parties can petition for reconsideration of a decision or file exceptions. A brief to support exceptions may request oral argument. Parties may seek judicial review of any final order issued by the Director.

## **EXHIBITS**

A party who plans to offer an exhibit as part of the hearing record must provide a copy of the proposed exhibit to the parties and to the hearing officer.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Any hearing scheduled 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 hearing.

## Henman, Christina

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**From:** Henman, Christina  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** 'tod.jones@marcusmillichap.com'; 'lance@cachelandmark.com';  
rharris@holdenlegal.com; 'buffi.morris@pacificorp.com'  
**Subject:** 11-7863 Acknowledgement of Protests  
**Attachments:** 11-7863 Acknowledgement of Protests.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached acknowledgement of protests against the above-referenced application for permit.

Please respond to this email or give me a call with any dates during which you would be unavailable to attend a prehearing conference regarding this matter during the months of June, July, and August.

Thank You,

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Sincerely,

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