

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 5, 2016
To: Transfer 81117
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change one of the points of diversion associated with water right 29-7450. The water right currently has two PODs. The POD located at SWNE of Sec. 15 T06S R33E will be moved to the SWSWSE of Sec. 10. The well in Section 15, designated by the city as Well #39, will be abandoned. The new well will be designated as Well #39 and will be equipped with a flow meter. There is no change to the place of use.

There are five water rights associated with Well #39 in Section 15: 29-2274, 29-2338, 29-7375, 29-7450 and 29-13638. In Feb. 2015, the city filed Transfer 79826 to change the point of diversion for water right 29-13638 from the Section 15 well to the proposed well site in the SWSWSE of Section 10. Transfer 79826 was approved in May 2015. The city filed this transfer application to change the point of diversion for water right 29-7450. The city filed a third transfer application (81155) to make the same adjustment to water rights 29-2274, 29-2338 and 29-7375. It is unclear why the city filed three transfer applications to make a change that could have been accomplished in a single application.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of the water right according to IDWR records. According to Power County taxlot data, the applicant is the property owner of the property at the new point of diversion. The application is signed by Mayor Brian Blad, and Water Superintendent Justin Armstrong, who have authority to make changes to water rights held by the city.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 29-7450 was decreed in the SRBA in 2012. It is part of the municipal system for the City of Pocatello. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change to this water right. The change to the point of diversion will not result in an increase in rate or volume. Applicant was not required to perform an analysis using the ESPA Transfer Tool because the existing well and proposed well are within the same model cell. The application was advertised and no protests were received.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate or volume will increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.