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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Re: NKWD Water Right 95-8639

Dear Mr. Franklin:

This letter is prepared in regard to the above referenced water right and recent transfer application. I am writing to provide additional background information about the purpose and need for the transfer.

As we have discussed, North Kootenai Water District (District) is adding a new point of diversion on the Rimrock Water System. This water system currently has three active points of diversion known as Lancaster 1, Lancaster 3, and Lancaster 4. The District suffered severe damage to the Lancaster 1 source in 2013 which significantly reduced the well's pumping capacity and quality. Thus, it has become necessary for the District to replace Lancaster 1 with a new well, Lancaster 5. The District will maintain Lancaster 1 as an emergency backup source.

In order to allow drilling of Lancaster 5 to commence, the District filed a transfer application on Water Right 95-8639 to add the Lancaster 5 point of diversion. This application was submitted to you on April 16, 2014.

As you know, the District's long range objective is to make all of its points of diversion available on all of its water rights as alternative points of diversion. However, there has been some contention on the subject of alternative points of diversion in connection with the licensing of other rights (Nos. 95 9129, 95 9244, and 95 10019) now pending before the Department. Accordingly, in order to expedite approval of the transfer application, the District has filed a transfer application simply adding the Lancaster 5 point of diversion to the existing points of diversion for No. 95-8639. Once the dust has settled, the District may seek one or more additional transfers to achieve more comprehensive alternative points of diversion authority for this and other water rights. Likewise, the District may seek authority regarding reasonably anticipated future needs. Right now, however, the objective is to keep things as simple as possible in order to obtain timely approval of the pending transfer application.

Please let me know if there is anything further I may provide to assist the Department in processing this transfer application. I am happy to respond to any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,


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