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IDWR Southern Region
c/o Allen Merritt
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Re: Water Permits: 36-16976 (IGWA) and 36-17002 (Rangen)

Dear Allen:

We received a copy of the enclosed letter from Fritz Haemmerle regarding the IGWA and Rangen permit applications on Billingsley Creek. IGWA does not oppose a joint pre-hearing conference on the permits, but does oppose consolidation of the hearing procedure.

IGWA's permit 36-16976 was filed before Rangen's permit 36-17002, giving it an earlier priority date, and issues involving the approvability of Rangen's permit 36-17002 are dependent upon the Department first deciding whether IGWA's permit 36-16976 will be approved. In addition, IGWA does not want the Department's review of its permit bogged down and delayed by issues relating to Rangen's permit.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. IGWA requests that a pre-hearing conference be scheduled on its permit application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

T.J. BUDGE

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Enclosure