

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 7, 2013

To: File

From: Nick Van Dyke

Re: Idaho Power's Application to Rent Water from the Water Supply Bank, Right 63-179C, Year 2013

Purpose/Narrative: Idaho Power submitted an application to rent water from the bank on June 6, 2013. The rental will be for 8.4 cfs and 2500 acre-feet for power use at the Brownlee Dam on the Snake River. The rental will be for 2013 only. The right being rented, 63-179C, was leased into the bank in August 2012, for a one year term. Leased into the bank is 13.92 cfs/580 acres. The lease was extended for 2013 by extension received January 15, 2013.

The 2500 acre-feet sought, though a bit high is acceptable. The right was decreed without a volume defined. At $8.4 \text{ cfs} * 146 \text{ days} * 1.9835 = 2,432.6 \text{ acre-feet}$. (146 days between June 7 and October 31). After speaking with Liz Cresto of the Department's Hydrology Section, the gauge at Middleton has a margin of error greater than the difference between 2500 and 2,432.6 acre-feet.

Authority to File: John Bowling, Engineering Leader of Idaho Power signed the application.

Water Right Validity: 63-179C was partially decreed in April of 2012. 13.92 cfs was leased into the bank; 8.4 cfs is being sought for the 2013 rental. There is sufficient water to cover the rental.

Injury to Other Water Rights: None anticipated.

Enlargement of Use: None anticipated.

Local Public Interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: The rental appears to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

Department Staff or Watermaster Comments: Rex Barrie, watermaster for district 63, has no objections with the rental.