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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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KIMBERLY ID 83341

RE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER NO. 47-02137, T# 4002

Dear Mr. Mulberry:

Enclosed is a copy of a protest filed against the above referenced application.

The Department suggests you contact the protestant(s) directly to determine the exact nature of the protest(s) and, if possible, to resolve the matter without action by the Department.

The attachment to this letter describes the issues which the Department must consider in taking action on an application. It also gives a brief description of the conference and hearing procedure followed by the Department in resolving protested applications.

If you have any questions or if this office can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Loren O. Holmes, P.E.
Southern Region Manager

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Enclosure(s)

CONFERENCE AND HEARING PROCEDURE

IN THE MATTER OF A PROTESTED APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER

In accordance with IDAHO CODE, Section 42-222, the following issues are involved in the consideration of the application and protest(s):

- 1) Are other water rights injured by the transfer?
- 2) Does the change constitute enlargement in the use of the original water right?
- 3) Is the change consistent with the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho?
- 4) Does the change conflict with the local public interest?

PROCEDURE

The procedure normally followed by the department in arriving at a decision on the issues which must be considered is to first hold a conference in the matter and then, if necessary, hold a hearing. If a hearing is held a written decision is issued based on the hearing record.

CONFERENCE

Preliminary to holding a hearing, a pre-hearing conference is held to familiarize the department and the parties with the matter and to determine if a resolution of the protest(s) is possible without the need for a hearing.

At the conference the department may formulate and simplify the issues, obtain admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof, arrange for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared expert testimony prior to the hearing, limit the number of witnesses, consolidate the examination of witnesses, and advise the parties of the procedure which will be followed at any subsequent hearing.

HEARING

Any party may request in writing five (5) days before any hearing that the oral proceedings thereof be taken in the form of stenographic notes at the expense of the requesting party. Any party may have such stenographic notes of the oral proceedings, or part thereof, transcribed at his own expense. A taped record of the proceedings will be maintained for the appeal period.

If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Director, rather than the Director himself, a proposed decision will be issued and the parties will be afforded the opportunity to file exceptions to the proposed decision and present briefs and oral arguments to the Director prior to the issuance of a final decision by the Director. This procedure is required by IDAHO CODE, Section 42-1701A.

The parties by written stipulation, may waive their right to a proposed decision, however, the failure of either party to waive a proposed decision will not prejudice the director's review of a party's evidence and arguments. However, such a waiver will shorten the decision making process and may expedite substantially the issuance of a final decision. Whether compliance with Section 42-1701A is waived will not affect a party's right to petition for a rehearing of the final decision pursuant to rule 11 of the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure or affect a party's right to appeal the final decision to the District Court.

Under the provisions of the IDAHO CODE, Sections 42-1701A and 67-5215, any court review of the department's decision on appeal shall be confined to the record created before the department.

EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A CONFERENCE OR HEARING

Failure to appear at the time and place set for a conference or hearing by the applicant or protestant(s) may allow the department to dismiss without prejudice the protest(s) or the application. Any and all cost incurred by reason of such non-appearance may be assessed against such non-appearing parties.