

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 27-7008A, 27-7008B and 27-7125

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 4, 2012

Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 29, 2012, the Department received applications to lease the entirety of these three rights to the Water Supply Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Fred Ellerbusch, Director of Rhodia Inc.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: These water rights were partially decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication in 2007, so five years of non-use is not an issue.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement. Rental review should get some indication of how much water has actually been used under these rights.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The lease appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The watermaster did not respond to an email requesting comment, which indicates no concerns.

Van Bussum, Monica

From: Van Bussum, Monica
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2012 1:27 PM
To: Swank, Lyle
Subject: Water Supply Bank lease applications - Rhodia Inc

Hi Lyle,

We have three Water Supply Bank applications from Rhodia Inc. The applicant wishes to lease all of Right Nos. 27-7008A, 27-7008B and 27-7125 to the Water Supply Bank for 2012 and 2013. Do you have comment or concern as watermaster? These were partially decreed in 2007 so forfeiture is not an issue.

Thanks!

Monica

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