

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-2597

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: April 1, 2012

Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 8, 2012, the Department received an application to lease right 63-2597 to the Bank in its entirety for 5 years.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Terry Uhling, authorized representative for Simplot.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 63-2597 was partially decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication in 2009.

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.

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 conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.