

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 2-7062 and 2-7157C

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 8, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On February 2, 2012, the Department received an application to rent 483.7 acres of water within a permissible place of use (PPU). The applicant already has water rights for 400 acres under 2-2260, 2-7019B, 2-7029D, 2-7022B, 2-7023B, 2-10102B and 2-10053. The applicant identified a 4,128-acre PPU but was only looking for an additional 483.7 acres to complete a 1,283.7-acre irrigated place of use.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applicant was signed by Charles W. Bryan, V.P. of Midnight Sun.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights have been in the Bank since 2001 and are on an indefinite lease. I spoke by phone with the right holder and they have an agreement with Midnight Sun for rental of the rights.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident.

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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.