

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)	
FOR PERMIT NO. 15-7347)	
IN THE NAME OF VIC RICHES)	
)	NOTICE OF HEARING AND
	ORDER REQUIRING EXCHANGE
	OF DOCUMENTS

NOTICE OF HEARING

On August 23, 2011, Vic Riches, filed Application for Permit No. 15-7347 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (department). Protest(s) were filed by David Reel, Darhl Hughes, Marlynn Holgate, Kody Warren, Brent Clark and Two Buck Chuck LLC.

On January 10, 2012, a pre-hearing conference was conducted and the parties requested that a formal hearing be held to resolve the protested matter.

The department has scheduled the matter for hearing on **March 19 and 20, 2012 beginning at 9:00 AM, at Oneida County Road & Bridge, 560 S Main St, Malad Idaho.**

If you plan to offer exhibits for the record at the hearing, note that Rule 606 of the department's Rules of Procedure requires that a copy be provided to the presiding officer.

The presiding officer at the hearing will be James Cefalo, whose mailing address is 900 N. Skyline Dr., Ste A, Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 2 and 17, Title 42 and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, the adopted Rules of Procedure of the department, IDAPA 37.01.01, and Water Appropriation Rules 40 and 45. A copy of the code/rules may be obtained from the department's website, www.idwr.idaho.gov, or upon request.

All parties appearing in the matter will have the opportunity to present information, examine witnesses, and provide argument on issues related to the contested application.

The hearing will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the conference, please notify the department at least (10) days prior to the hearing. Inquiries about scheduling or hearing facilities should be directed to Sharla Cox at (208)525-7161.

ORDER REQUIRING EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that on or before March 5, 2012, each party must disclose to all other parties and the hearing officer, in writing, the identity of all witnesses that will or may testify for the party at the hearing. Further, on or before March 5, 2012, each party seeking to offer exhibits at the hearing must serve on all parties and the hearing officer, copies of all exhibits that may be offered at the hearing. Service of the proposed exhibits will be the method of providing copies of exhibits to the parties as required by Rule 606 of the Rules of Procedure. All parties shall review the proposed exhibits prior to the hearing, and come to the hearing prepared to discuss whether each of the proposed exhibits should be admitted into evidence.

Dated this 13th day of January 2012.


James Cefalo
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of January, 2012, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by placing a copy of the same with the United States Postal Service, certified mail with return receipt requested, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Document Served: Notice Of Hearing and Order Requiring Exchange of Documents

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PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND/OR HEARING PROCEDURE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

ISSUES

Applications to appropriate the water of the state of Idaho are referred to as applications for permit, and are for the development of new water rights. Section 42-203A, Idaho Code, requires the department to consider the following issues in connection with an application for permit::

1. Will the proposed appropriation reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights?
2. Is the water supply sufficient for the purpose for which it is sought to be appropriated?
3. Was the application made in good faith or for delay or speculative purposes?
4. Does the applicant have sufficient financial resources with which to complete the proposed project?
5. Will the proposed use conflict with the local public interest, where local public interest is defined as interests that the people in the area directly affected by a proposed water use have in the effects of such use on the public water resource?
6. Will the proposed use be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?
7. Will the proposed use adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or local area within which the source of water for the proposed use originates, in the case where the place of use is outside of the watershed or local area where the source of water originates?

BURDEN OF PROOF

The applicant has the initial burden of proof for issues 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 above and must provide evidence for the department to evaluate these criteria.

The initial burden of proof on issues 4, if applicable, lies with both the applicant and protestant as to factors of which they are most knowledgeable and cognizant. The applicant has the ultimate burden of persuasion, however, for these issues.

PROCEDURE

The department generally conducts an informal conference with the parties to determine the issues and to try to settle a protested matter before a hearing is scheduled. If a hearing is held, the department will issue a written decision based on the hearing record.

CONFERENCE

The purpose of a pre-hearing conference is to provide the opportunity for the parties and the department to familiarize themselves with a contested matter and to attempt to resolve the matter. At the conference, the department may also formulate and simplify the issues to avoid unnecessary proof, identify documents, schedule discovery, exchange proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limit witnesses, discuss settlement or make settlement offers, schedule hearings, establish procedure at hearing, and address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding or its settlement. When attending the conference, please bring a calendar with your schedule for the next two–six month period from the date of the pre-hearing conference for the purpose of scheduling a hearing. Parties will be expected to discuss their availability at the prehearing conference for the purpose of scheduling the hearing.

HEARING

A hearing may be conducted according to Sections 42-1701A(1) and (2), Idaho Code and the department's Rules of Procedure. Copies of Idaho Code and the department's rules are available upon request or by accessing the department's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov. The department records formal hearings, and copies of a hearing recording are available upon request. There may be a charge for reproducing the recording.

The hearing will likely be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Director rather than by the Director himself. If so, the hearing officer will prepare a recommended or preliminary order. Parties can petition for reconsideration of a decision or file exceptions. A brief to support exceptions may request oral argument. Parties may seek judicial review of any final order issued by the Director.

EXHIBITS

A party who plans to offer an exhibit as part of the hearing record must provide a copy of the proposed exhibit to the parties and to the hearing officer.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Any hearing scheduled will be conducted in a facility which meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in or understand the hearing, please notify the department no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.