

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 22-7336

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: June 20, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On June 9, 2011, the Department received an application to rent water for a commercial operation. The application was accompanied by a number of supporting documents, including a lease agreement between KMS (the land owner of the rental POU) and Knife River – Northwest (the renter) allowing Knife River to use the land for a concrete mixing plant. The application was filed with an ESPA model run, but there needed to be some tweaks so Keith Wilson, their consultant, emailed another model run (attached). The model run indicates no mitigation is required.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Doug DeLong, an authorized agent for Knife River.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water right 22-7336 was accepted into the Bank in 2011.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident. We have limited the volume to the consumptive use volume to ensure no enlargement since the leased right was for irrigation and the renters are renting water for commercial, which we assume would be wholly consumptive. See the emails between Keith Wilson, the consultant, and myself (attached) for further information.

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 and rental appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.