

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 37-655A AND 37-21477

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 7, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On June 25, 2007, the Department received applications to lease all of 37-655A and 37-21477 to the Water Supply Bank for 1 year. The term was later updated to indefinite, of which we can only grant 5 years at a time.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: John McGonigal, one of the right holders, signed the applications.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Both water rights were partially decreed in the SRBA in September 2010.

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 leases appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho. The applicant/owner has been operating under an approved permit and a right licensed with the State of Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None. A phone conversation on March 7, 2011, with Watermaster Kevin Lakey indicates no concerns.