

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transfer No. 76929

FROM: Sharla

DATE: November 23, 2010

RE: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

In a on-going effort to reconcile irrigated lands within the Lower Payette Ditch Co. with updated shareholder information and the number of shares they own vs. correct number of shares for those lands, it was determined that several 40-acre tracts which have historically been irrigated with shares from the company were not correctly identified within the current boundary. This transfer was filed solely for the purpose of correctly identifying the boundary associated with these rights. The total number of acres authorized for irrigation within these boundaries remains the same.

The transfer application fee was based on the percentage of changes occurring in the place of use. See info in transfer application labeled Lower Payette Ditch Co. Pro-Rated Fee for App for Transfer.

Summary of Information Submitted

Authority to File: The applicants are the owners of record for all rights involved in the transfer.

Water Right Validity: All rights presumed to be valid per review of 2009 aerial photography. Payette River Irrigation office billed all shareholders for 2009 irrigation season and recently mailed notices for 2010 irrigation season assessments.

Injury to Other Water Rights: None anticipated.

Enlargement of Use: No enlargement of use is proposed; the number of acres authorized to be irrigated within the boundary of the company is not increasing.

Local Public Interest: No negative impacts are anticipated. The ditch company delivers water to a host of land owners for irrigation of their lands.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: The application proposes beneficial use(s) consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria of I. C. § 42-222 preventing processing of the application.

Summary

Assuming protests are not filed and/or other information does not contradict the above analysis, the application can be approved as reflected by the draft approval. This transfer will not be advertised per discretion of the regional manager. The watermaster is aware of this application and has given verbal sanction of it.