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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Re: Water Right Permit No. 63-31677

Dear Jeff:

I write with regard to Water Right Permit No. 63-31677 owned by the City of Meridian, Idaho (City). Under the cover of this letter, I transmit the following documents:

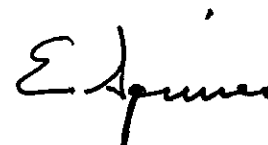
- 1) Statement of Completion For Submitting Proof of Beneficial Use (IDWR Form No. 217) signed by the City's Public Works Director, Tom Barry.
- 2) A Proof of Beneficial Use Licensing Examination completed by me as Certified Water Right Examiner 09-125.
- 3) This cover letter.

An issue with this water right is that the Permit had been allowed to lapse when Proof of Beneficial Use was not submitted on the due date of December 1, 2008. The City administration had been going through numerous changes during the last several years including a move to a new City Hall and Water Department buildings. The cited changes include that the administrative positions of Public Works Director and City Engineer, the officials who have historically been most responsible for dealing with the City's water rights, have been filled by four different individuals in rapid succession without time for these administrators to become educated to the complicated issues of water rights. As a result, the Proof Due for Water Right Permit No. 63-31677 was not attended to as it should have been. I can attest that the water works and diversions covered by this permit were developed and put to use by the City. Indeed, the wells and well site covered by this permit comprise a major pumping center with two high-yield municipal supply wells, a 2 million gallon storage reservoir, a booster pumping station, and the ability to distribute water through large water mainlines (12"-to-16" diameters). The current City Public Works administration, under the direction of Tom Barry, has taken a pro-active approach to understand its water rights and to move forward to bring its water rights into full compliance and benefit. The City has contracted with Hydro Logic, Inc. to ensure that the attached Proof of Beneficial Use Licensing Examination is thorough and complete in every way. I ask that the Department reinstate the lapsed permit No. 63-31677 and consider the water right for licensing. We understand that the priority would be advanced in time if it is reinstated.

Please send all correspondence with respect to this Permit through my offices at the above address and feel free to call on me with any questions the Department may have.

Respectfully,

Ed Squires



c: Tom Barry, City of Meridian Public Works Director